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STORY Thus Far...

Takeo Goda, a first-year high school student, is a hot-blooded guy who is 6'6" tall and weighs 265 pounds. Boys look up to him, but the girls he falls in love with all end up liking his handsome best friend, Sunakawa!

One morning on the train to school, Takeo saves a girl named Yamato from a molester. When she visits Takeo to thank him for his help, he immediately falls in love with her. He suspects she's after Sunakawa, so he does what he can to get the two of them together. But it turns out that Yamato is actually in love with Takeo!

Takeo gets his first girlfriend ever and tries his best to look after his pure-hearted Yamato, but Yamato seems depressed for some reason... She eventually reveals that she actually wants to hold hands and touch Takeo. After Takeo hears that, he forces an unwilling Sunakawa to practice kissing with him through plastic wrap!



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STORY!!

Presenting the recipes for some of Yamato's delicious baking! ♥ Recipe Creation and Preparation: Nana Hoshitani Photography: Akiko Honda

Sweet
No.1

SACHERTORTE of HAPPINESS

Requires a 6-inch or 7-inch cake pan with removable base

Chocolate Cake Ingredients:

70g [2.5 oz] chocolate, grated
70g [4 2/3 tbsp] unsalted butter
3 eggs
40g [2 2/3 tbsp] cake flour
1 caramelized chestnut

170g [4 2/3 tbsp] sugar

Decorations:

50g [3 1/3 tbsp] apricot jam
50ml [3 1/3 fl oz] fresh cream
100g [3.5 oz] chocolate

Preparation:

- ♥ Line the cake pan with parchment paper.
- ♥ Grate the chocolate finely.
- ♥ Separate the egg whites from the yolks and chill the whites in the fridge.
- ♥ Preheat the oven to 170° C [338° F].



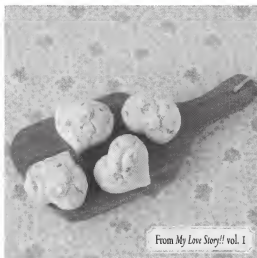
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INSTRUCTIONS • • • • •

- 1 Place the butter and chocolate in a small bowl; heat over a pot of hot water. (Or use a double boiler.) Gently mix until melted.
- 2 Place the mixture from step 1 into a larger bowl and add half of the sugar, the egg yolks, and the cake flour. Mix well with a spatula.
- 3 Beat the egg whites in a different bowl. Once they start to foam, gradually add the remaining sugar one third at a time, and beat until you get fluffy peaks.
- 4 Add the mixture from step 2 to the mixture in step 3 one third at a time, and fold them together with a spatula.
- 5 Pour the mixture into the cake pan and place a dry chestnut on top. Bake for 40 minutes at 170° C [338° F]. Poke it with a skewer. If the skewer comes out clean, remove the pan from the oven and let it cool.
- 6 Pour the apricot jam in a heat-resistant container, and place it in the microwave for 30 seconds. Flip the cake over and remove the parchment paper. Spread the jam on the surface while the cake is still hot.
- 7 Pour the fresh cream into a small pot and bring it to a boil. Turn off the heat and add the chocolate. Slowly mix it in until melted. Pour it over the cake, and spread it evenly with a palette knife or a spatula.

FLUFFY VEGETABLE SAVORY CAKES

Sweet
No.2



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Requires six 75ml [2.5 fl oz] silicone heart molds

Ingredients: 1 egg

A 1/4 tsp salt, Dash of pepper
2 Tbsp water
2 Tbsp vegetable oil

B 80g [1/3 cup] cake flour
1 tsp baking powder

120g [4.2 oz] frozen mixed vegetables

INSTRUCTIONS • • • • •

- 1 Place the egg in a bowl and beat it. Add the "A" ingredients and mix well.
- 2 Combine the "B" ingredients and sift into the mixture. Add the frozen mixed vegetables. (It's fine if they're still frozen.) Fold them in with a spatula.
- 3 Pour the mixture into the molds and bake for 25 minutes in an oven preheated to 190° C [374° F]. Poke them with a skewer. If the skewer comes out clean, you can remove them from the molds and let them cool.

KA-CHUK KA-CHUK

HEY, CHECK
OUT THAT GUY.
HE MUST BE
SO STRONG
...

YOU ALMOST
NEVER SEE
A GUY THAT
HUGE!

I CAN'T
STOP
LOOKING
AT HIM.

MAYBE I
SHOULD
ASK HIM
TO FIGHT
ME...

HEY,
CHECK OUT
THAT GUY.
HE'S SO
HANDSOME!

I
CAN'T STOP
LOOKING AT
HIM...

YOU DON'T
USUALLY
SEE GUYS
THAT GOOD-
LOOKING!

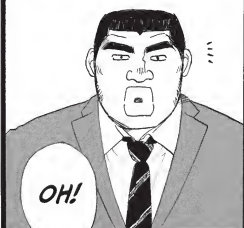
MAYBE I
SHOULD TALK
TO HIM...

RATTLE

SERIOUSLY?
HE'D NEVER
GIVE YOU THE
TIME OF DAY.

SERIOUSLY?
HE'D NEVER
GIVE YOU THE
TIME OF DAY.

RATTLE





THAT'S
WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN YOU'RE
LOOKING AT THE
SKY INSTEAD
OF WHERE
YOU'RE
GOING.

IT'S
NOT JUST
SPRING
IN JAPAN
EITHER!

AS
OF THIS
SPRING,
I'M A
FIRST-YEAR
STUDENT
IN HIGH
SCHOOL!



ISN'T
SPRING
GREAT?!

I'M
TAKED
GODA.



IT'S
SPRING IN
MY LIFE
TOO!



HE'S JUST
CARRYING
THE BABY
UP FOR
YOU.

WHY,
YOU
ASK
?

AAAAH!

MY-MY
BABY...!



GRAB

GRAB

...AND
NOW
I HAVE
YAMATO.

TAKEOOOO!

BE-
CAUSE
I HAVE
MY
BEST
FRIEND,
SUNA...

I DIDN'T
DO ANY-
THING...

THAT
WAS A
BIG
HELP!

THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!

HIS
MOM'S
OVER
THERE.

OH, HE'S
SO CUTE!
WHOSE
BABY IS
HE?

TAKEO...

YOU'RE
SO
STRONG!



WHOA! YOU
MADE THESE,
YAMATO?!

...IS THE
PERFECT
SPRING.

THIS
SPRING
...

YOU MAKE
AMAZING
JAPANESE
SWEETS TOO,
YAMATO!!

DELICIOUS!

NOSH
NOSH
NOSH

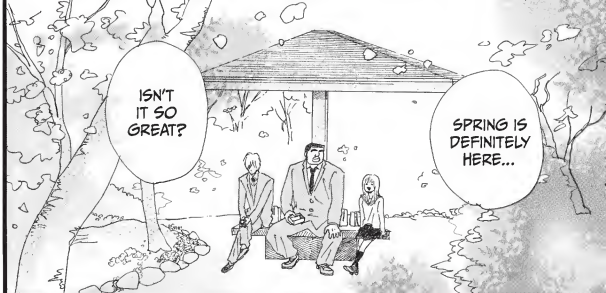
IT'S MY
FIRST TRY AT
AUTHENTIC
JAPANESE
SWEETS!

AREN'T
THE CHERRY
BLOSSOM
PETALS CUTE?

I
LOVE
HER.

REALLY
?!

IT
MAKES
ME SO
HAPPY
TO HEAR
YOU SAY
THAT!



ISN'T
IT SO
GREAT?

SPRING IS
DEFINITELY
HERE...



SUMMER'S
AWESOME
TOO.

AND FALL.
FALL'S NICE.

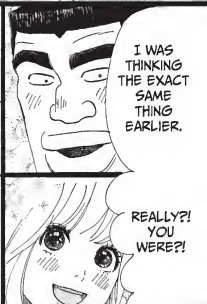
YEAH,
I LOVE
SUMMER.

ISN'T
IT?

OF COURSE!
WINTER'S
WONDERFUL!

OH, AND
I LOVE
WINTER!

YEAH,
FALL'S
GREAT.



I WAS
THINKING
THE EXACT
SAME
THING
EARLIER.

REALLY?!
YOU
WERE?!
REALLY?!
YOU
WERE?!
REALLY?!
YOU
WERE?!



BASHFUL

FIDGET

BASHFUL

FIDGET

THAT'S
YOUR
REACTION?

CAN
I GO
HOME
NOW?



I BET YOU
TWO ARE STILL
GOING TO HAVE
CONVERSATIONS
LIKE THIS WHEN
YOU'RE OLD
AND GRAY.

WHAT
?!

I CAN
SEE IT
CLEAR
AS DAY.



IT'D BE
GREAT IF
THINGS
COULD STAY
LIKE THIS
FOREVER.

AHH,
YAMATO...



THEN I WANT
TO MAKE IT MY
WALLPAPER!

REALLY
?!

YOU
BET!



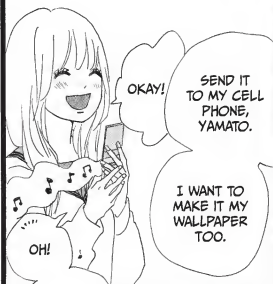
HEY,
TAKEO...

WANNA
TAKE A
PICTURE
WITH
ME?



OKAY!
READY?

GO
AHEAD!



OKAY!

SEND IT
TO MY CELL
PHONE,
YAMATO.

I WANT TO
MAKE IT MY
WALLPAPER
TOO.

OH!

A FRIEND'S
CALLING.

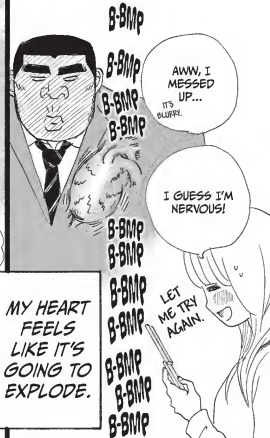
THIS SHOULD
JUST TAKE A
SEC, OKAY?



N
O
D

YAY!
THIS
ONE'S
GOOD!

CLICK



AWW, I
MESSED
UP...
IT'S
BLURRY.

I GUESS I'M
NERVOUS!

LET
ME TRY
AGAIN.

MY HEART
FEELS
LIKE IT'S
GOING TO
EXPLODE.



UH-HUH!
I'M WITH MY
BOYFRIEND!

WHAT?

YEAH.

HELLO?

RIGHT
NOW? I'M
OUT AND
ABOUT!



HUH?!

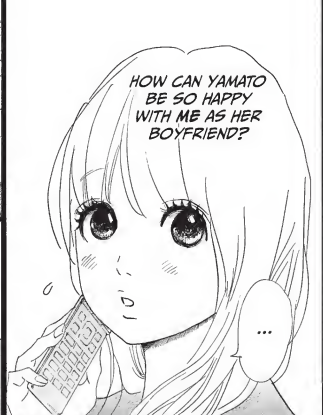
MM-
HM.

THE MOST
BEAUTIFUL
WORDS-!!!

YUP.



HER BOY-
FRIEND...



YEAH!

THANK YOU,
TAKEO!

HE SAID
OKAY!

WELL, I WANT
YOUR FRIENDS
TO BE HAPPY.

YAAAY! WAS
THAT HIM IN THE
BACKGROUND?
HE'S GOT A
COOL VOICE.

YEAH!

HEE
HEE!

TAKEO!
YAY! I'M
SO GLAD
WE'RE IN
THE SAME
CLASS!

MORNING.

MORNING,
TAKEO!

I HAVE
PLENTY
OF MALE
FRIENDS.

DON'T
WORRY,
YAMATO.

YEAH.

OH
HEY!
THERE'S
TAKEO!

TAKEO!

G'MORNING,
TAKEO.

HI.

HEY THERE,
TAKEO!

HEY.

MORNING,
TAKEO.

HEY,
TAKEO!

HEY.

MORN-
ING.

YO,
TAKEO!

SHUEI HIGH SCHOOL



A
MIXER?





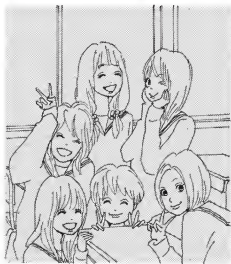
THEY MIGHT
BE FRIENDS
BECAUSE
SHE'S SO
NICE.



JUST
BECAUSE
SHE'S NICE
DOESN'T
MEAN HER
FRIENDS ARE
TOO.

✉ From: Yamato

Thanks for today, Takeo! ♪♪
These are the friends who're
coming to the mixer tomorrow. ☆
They're all cute. 🍷



I'm really excited about intro-
ducing you to all of them! 🍷💕



SUNA...

YOU
CONFUSE
ME SOME-
TIMES.

YAMATO
IS ALWAYS
HERSELF,
NO MATTER
WHERE SHE
IS.

I BET
SHE'S
SMILING
RIGHT
NOW.



VROOM—

HI!
NICE TO
MEET
YOU!

HONK HONK—

I'M TAKEO'S
GIRLFRIEND,
YAMATO!

ALL
RIGHT!

THEY'RE ALL
SO CUTE!

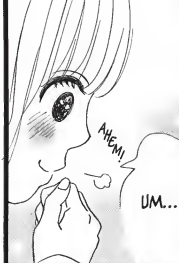
WOW!

HI!!!

THESE
ARE MY
FRIENDS
FROM
CLASS!

NICE
TO MEET
YOU!

WE'RE LOOKING
FORWARD TO
HANGING OUT
WITH YOU TODAY!



AHEM!

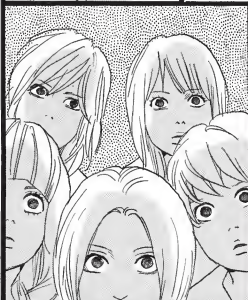
UM...

TALKING
ABOUT YOUR
BOYFRIEND IS
BRAGGING!

WHAT?
I DON'T
BRAG!

SHE BRAGS
ABOUT HIM
EVERY DAY!

SO WHICH
ONE'S YOUR
BOYFRIEND,
RINKO?



H-HIS
HANDS
ARE
REALLY
BIG, JUST
LIKE YOU
SAID...

I
THOUGHT
HE
WAS
A
BEAR...

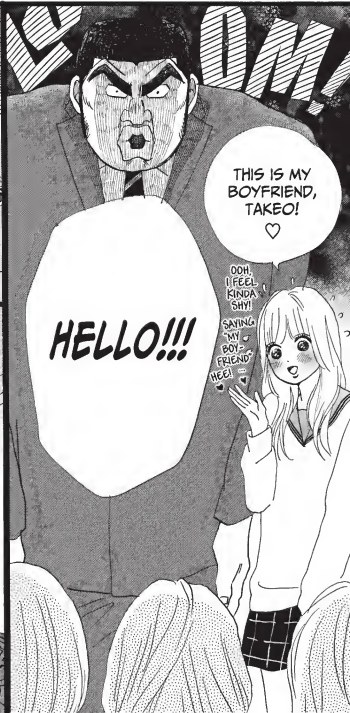
H-HE'S
REALLY
TALL, JUST
LIKE YOU
SAID.

OH...

BUT TAKEO
DOES KIND
OF LOOK
LIKE A BEAR,
DOESN'T
HE?



OH, STOP...
YOU'LL MAKE
ME BLUSH!

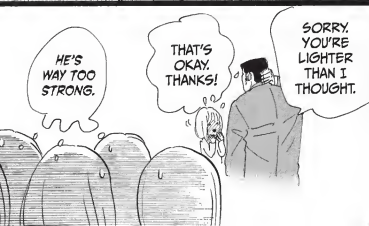


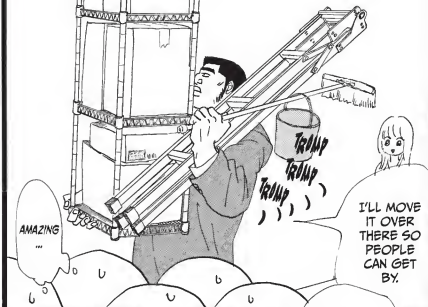
THIS IS MY
BOYFRIEND,
TAKEO!



HELLO!!!

OOH,
I FEEL
KINDA
SHY!
SAYING
"MY
BOY-
FRIEND"
HEE!





AMAZING ...

I'LL MOVE IT OVER THERE SO PEOPLE CAN GET BY.



IT'S NOT SAFE TO HAVE ALL THIS STUFF LYING AROUND HERE.

THAT'S TRUE.



LET'S TELL SOMEBODY WHO WORKS HERE.

IS THAT OKAY?

HEY, THE EMERGENCY EXIT'S LOCKED.



HE'S
SOOOO
COOOOOL!



ACTUALLY, IT'D PROBABLY BE BETTER TO LET...

...THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMPANY KNOW.





HE LOOKS
BETTER AND
BETTER THE
MORE I LOOK
AT HIM.



HE
DOESN'T
TALK AT
ALL.

SHOULD
WE TALK
TO HIM?

YOU
DO
IT.

WSP
WSP

AT FIRST,
I THOUGHT
HE WAS
RINKO'S
BOY-
FRIEND.

ME
TOO.

WHAT?!



DO YOU
KNOW
WHAT
YOU'RE
GETTING
?

WHO
WANTS
ORANGE
JUICE?

ME!

I'LL
HAVE
COLA
PLEASE

OH,
ME
TOO.



WHY DO
THEY ALL
LOVE
RINKO'S
BOYFRIEND
SO MUCH?

I'M
SO HAPPY
FOR YOU!

GOOD
FOR YOU,
TAKEO!

TAKEO, YOUR
GIRLFRIEND'S
SO NICE!

TOMORROW
WE'LL CARRY
YOU AROUND
ON OUR
SHOULDERS
AT SCHOOL TO
CELEBRATE!

SHE
IS!



HERE
YOU
GO.

HUH?



T
W
I
S
T

EXCUSE
ME!

THERE'S
NO BOTTLE
OPENER.

HEY...



TAKEO...

THAT'S NOT
HOW YOU'RE
SUPPOSED TO
OPEN IT!

THAT'S
AMAZING,
TAKEO!

WOO-
HOO!

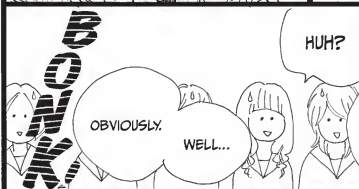
W
H
U
P

WHOA,
HE USED
HIS BARE
HANDS.

AH HA HA HA HA...



WHAT WAS
THAT?!



B
O
O
N
K!

OBVIOUSLY.

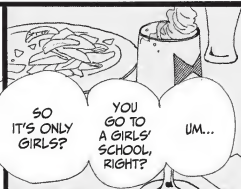
WELL...

HUH?

SO
IT'S ONLY
GIRLS?

YOU
GO TO
A GIRLS'
SCHOOL,
RIGHT?

UM...



DON'T
OFFEND
THEM OR
ANYTHING!

DON'T ASK
YAMATO'S
FRIENDS STUPID
QUESTIONS.

SORRY,
SORRY.

WAS
IT
THAT
BAD?

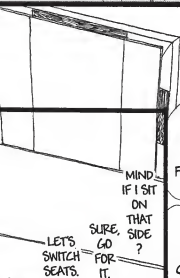
...



IT'S FINE!
DON'T
WORRY!



TAKEO!



MIND
IF I SIT
ON THAT
SIDE ?

LET'S
SWITCH
SEATS.
SURE,
GO FOR
IT.

CAN WE
GO TO
YOUR
FESTIVAL?

WE ONLY
GET TO MEET
PEOPLE
DURING THE
SCHOOL
FESTIVAL.

DEFINITELY!

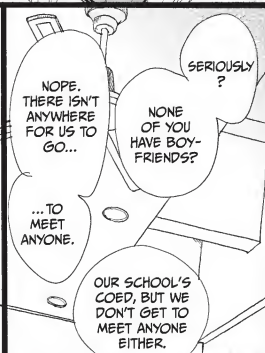
WE RAN A
CAFÉ LAST
YEAR.

WHAT
KIND OF
UNIFORMS
DID YOU
HAVE?

A
CAFÉ
?!

YEAH, BUT
IT WAS A
PAIN GETTING
APPROVAL
FROM THE
DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH.

YOU
WOULD
ASK THAT,
HUH?



SERIOUSLY
?

NONE
OF YOU
HAVE BOY-
FRIENDS?

NOPE.
THERE ISN'T
ANYWHERE
FOR US TO
GO...

...TO
MEET
ANYONE.

OUR SCHOOL'S
COED, BUT WE
DON'T GET TO
MEET ANYONE
EITHER.

EVERYONE'S
FOCUSED ON
THE POPULAR
GUYS.



I'LL
HAVE THEM
FOR YOU
TOMORROW!

I'LL
MAKE
SOME
FOR
YOU!

OH?
I WISH I
COULD'VE
TRIED
THEM.

I MADE A
TON OF POUND
CAKES IN ALL
KINDS OF
FLAVORS.

I WAS IN
CHARGE
OF THE
BAKING.

WERE YOU
INVOLVED
TOO?

YOU COULD
PROBABLY EAT
A WHOLE CAKE
BY YOURSELF.

THAT
SOUNDS
TERRIFIC...

YAY! ♡

I'LL WAIT
FOR THEM
IN THE
HALLWAY.

MAYBE
THEY GOT
LOST?

I'LL
COME
WITH
YOU.

...NANAKO
AND AYU
AREN'T
BACK YET.

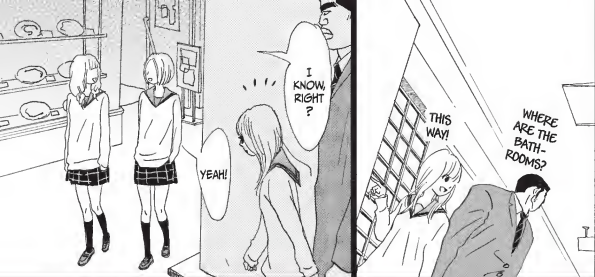
OH NO,
MY CONTACT
SHIFTED.

I'M GOING
TO THE
RESTROOM.

EXCUSE?
ME FOR
A SEC.

OKAY.

I'LL
GO
TOO.



YEAH!

I KNOW, RIGHT?

THIS WAY!

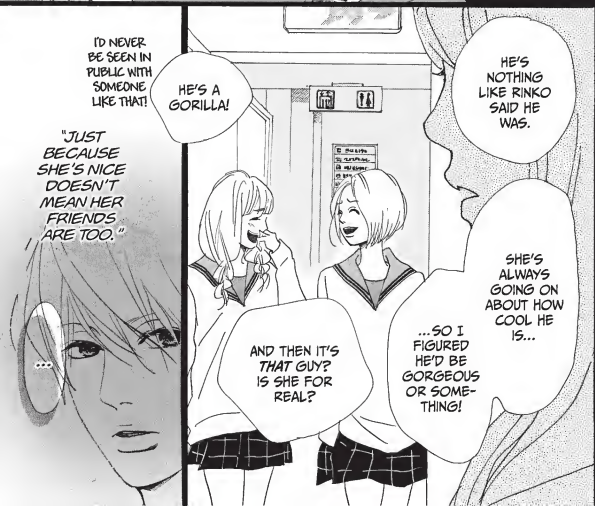
WHERE ARE THE BATH-ROOMS?



HA
HA
HA!

HE'S
BARELY
HUMAN!

I'D NEVER
DATE THAT
GUY.



I'D NEVER
BE SEEN IN
PUBLIC WITH
SOMEONE
LIKE THAT!

HE'S A
GORILLA!

HE'S
NOTHING
LIKE RINKO
SAID HE
WAS.

"JUST
BECAUSE
SHE'S NICE
DOESN'T
MEAN HER
FRIENDS
ARE TOO."

SHE'S
ALWAYS
GOING ON
ABOUT HOW
COOL HE
IS...

AND THEN IT'S
THAT GUY?
IS SHE FOR
REAL?

...SO I
FIGURED
HE'D BE
GORGEOUS
OR SOME-
THING!

HA
HA
HA!

IS SHE
CRAZY??

HOW
CAN
RINKO
THINK
HE'S
COOL?

OH!

TAKEO...

HE...

R...

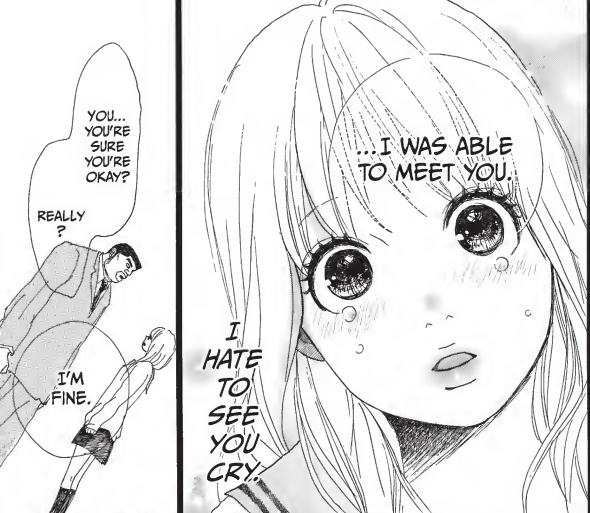
RIN-
KO
...

HE'S
AMAZING
...!

HE IS
REALLY
COOL!







I REALLY,
REALLY
LOVE
YOU.

YOU
KNOW...

YAMATO...

...A
WHOLE
LOT.

I REALLY
DO LOVE
YOU...

...ABOUT
HOW
COOL
YOU ARE!

I WAS
PROBABLY
TOO
VAGUE...

I BET I
DIDN'T
DESCRIBE
YOU
WELL.

HEY!

EVERY
SINGLE
DAY...

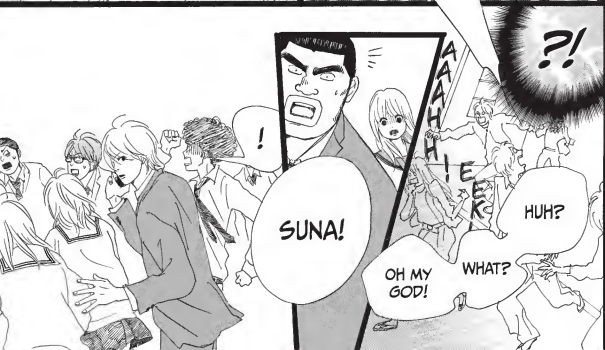
...I THINK
ABOUT HOW
LUCKY I AM
TO HAVE
MET YOU.

I WANT TO
SHARE DAYS
LIKE THIS
WITH YOU
FOREVER.

YOU DON'T
NEED TO DO
THAT...

WHEN WE
GET BACK,
I'LL EXPLAIN
IT TO THEM
BETTER!







WHAT
...?

THEY
MUST
STILL
BE
INSIDE!

THEY
DIDN'T
COME
BACK
FROM
THE BATH-
ROOM
...

WHAT DO
WE DO?
NANAKO
AND AYU
AREN'T
HERE!

IS
EVERYONE
SAFE?!

WHAT?!



RINKO
...!



A FIRE
BROKE
OUT!

I CALLED
911, BUT
THEY'RE
NOT HERE
YET.



TAKEO!

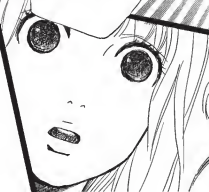
YAMATO...

WAIT
RIGHT
HERE!

I'LL
GET THEM
OUT.



SPLOSH





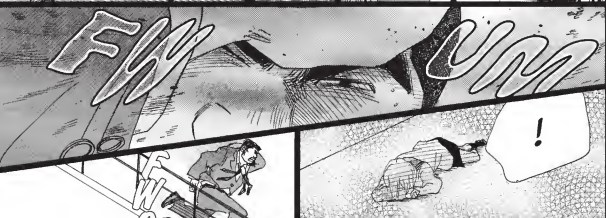
...SAVE
YOUR
FRIENDS!



I
WILL...



DON'T
WORRY.



THAT
WAS
TAKEO!

YAMATO...

I-I...WAS
CARRIED
OUT...BY A
POWERFUL
BEAST...

ONE
MORE,
RIGHT?

TAKEO!

DASH

NANAKO!

NANAKO
...!

IN THAT
PHOTO,
YOU
LOOKED
LIKE YOU
WERE
HAVING
FUN.

ARE
YOU
OKAY?

YOU'VE
GOT
GOOD
FRIENDS.

HANG
IN
THERE!

Wobble

!



SHOVE

GO!!

HURRY
UP
AND
GO!

WHAM

CRASH



HE...

HE'S IN
TROUBLE...

HE
SAVED
ME...



K O F F

R-
RINKO
...

K O F F

THANK
GOD!

WHERE'S
TAKEO?!
WHERE IS
HE?

THIS
IS
BAD.

WHY
AREN'T
THE FIRE-
FIGHTERS
HERE?!

AYU!



...BUT
HE'S
STILL IN
THERE.



...THIS IS
THE END
OF THE
LINE.



LOOKS
LIKE...



...



DYING
FOR YOU
ISN'T SUCH
A BAD WAY
TO GO...

"TAKEO!"

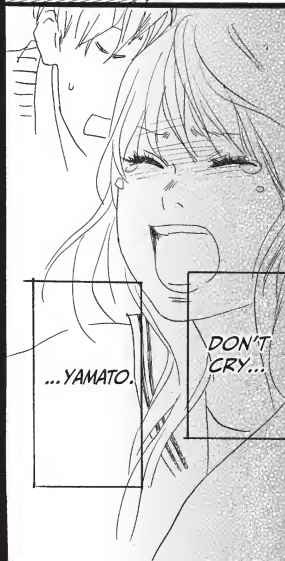
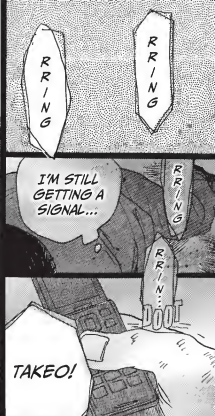
...OF
YOU,
YAMATO.

"TAKEO!"

ALL
BECAUSE
...

BUT
THE
TRUTH
IS...

...I'VE
HAD
TOO
MUCH
HAPPY-
NESS.





NOTHING
IS WORSE
THAN
SEEING
YOU CRY.

PLEASE
SMILE.

DON'T
CRY
FOR
ME.

YOU
DON'T
HAVE TO
WORRY
ABOUT
ME.

YAMATO

...

I...

LOOK
OUT!

GET
BACK!

IT'S
DONE
FOR!

IT'S
NO
USE!



**...AND
MAKE
YAMATO
HAPPY!**



**I'M
ALIVE.**

**I'M
GOING
TO
LIVE...**

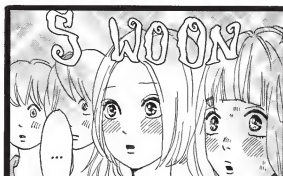




I
SWEAR
IT.

...MAKE
YOU CRY
AGAIN.

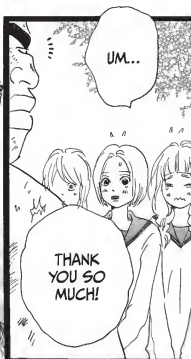
I
WON'T
EVER...

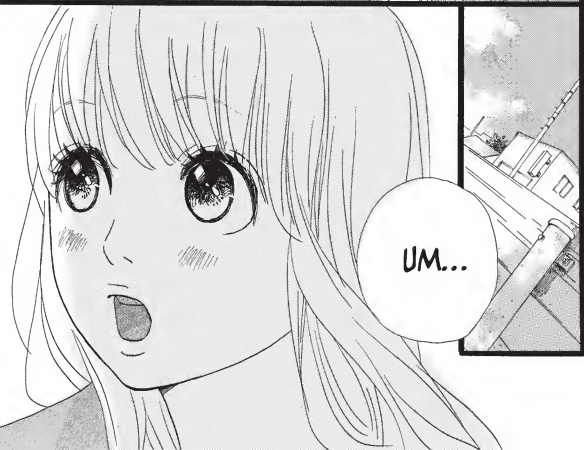
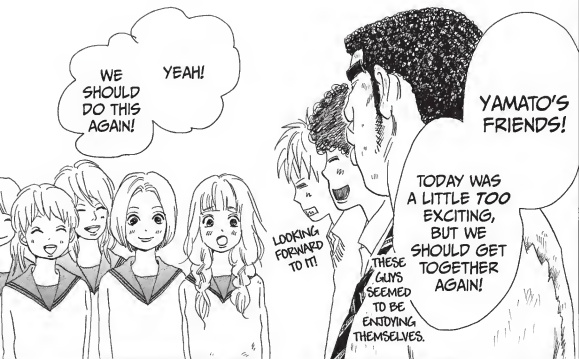


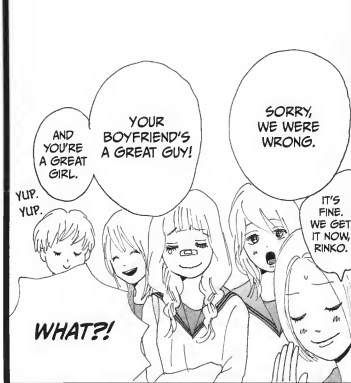
BUT HE'S
NOT MY
TYPE! AT
ALL!!!

NO
WAY!

WHY AM I
SWOONING?!
IS IT THE
ADRENALINE?!







AND
YOU'RE
A GREAT
GIRL.

YOUR
BOYFRIEND'S
A GREAT GUY!

SORRY,
WE WERE
WRONG.

YUP.
YUP.

IT'S
FINE.
WE GET
IT NOW,
RINKO.

WHAT?!



SO
LISTEN,
OKAY?
HE'S—

I
FEEL LIKE
I DIDN'T
MANAGE TO
EXPLAIN HOW
COOL TAKEO
IS.



HA
HA
HA!

HE ONLY
HAS EYES
FOR YOU.

OF
COURSE
NOT!

LIKE
WE'D DO
THAT!

DON'T
STEAL HIM,
OKAY?



...WHATEVER
YOU DIE OF,
IT WON'T BE
OLD AGE.

I
THINK...



✉ From: Yamato

Takeo, thanks for everything today! 🌸

Everyone knows how great you are now. 🌸

You were really cool! ✨💖

If the firefighters hadn't turned up, you would've been awfully busy! ✨

But then I'd be worried about you. 🌸

Good night 🌸, Takeo! 🌸

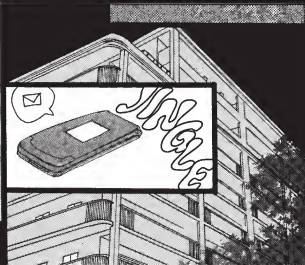
See you later! 🌸🎵

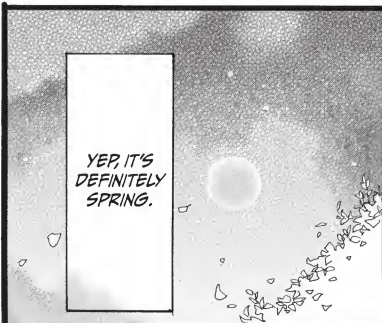
YOU'RE
THE
BEST,
TAKEO!

HM?

NO
WONDER
I LOVE
YOU!

YOU'RE SO
AMAZING,
TAKEO!!





YEP, IT'S
DEFINITELY
SPRING.



Re: See you later.



...ISN'T
IT,
YAMATO
?

SPRING
SURE IS
NICE...



MY *love* **STORY!!**

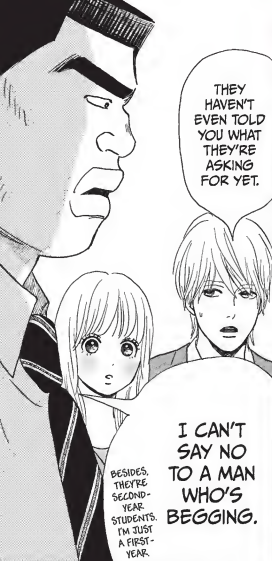


**HELP
US
OUT!!**

**GODA,
WE'RE
BEGGING
YOU!!**



**I'LL
DO
WHAT-
EVER
YOU
NEED!!**





PLEASE
TAKE MY
PLACE!



BUT AS YOU
CAN SEE, THE
CAPTAIN'S
INJURED, AND
WE DON'T HAVE
ANYONE TO
REPLACE
HIM.

WE JUST
NEED
THREE OUT
OF FIVE
ROUNDS
TO WIN.

IT'S AN ANNUAL
TRADITION, BUT
WE HAVEN'T
WON FOR THE
PAST FEW
YEARS!

WE HAVE
A MATCH
AGAINST OUR
RIVAL, BIANCA
HIGH SCHOOL,
IN A MONTH.



**THAT'S
RIGHT!!**

I JUST
HAVE TO
WORK HARD
TO WIN A
TOURNAMENT
IN A MONTH,
RIGHT?

OH, HE
GOT THE
GIST.

HIS EX-
PLANATION
WAS TOO
LONG FOR
YOU TO
PROCESS,
WASN'T IT?



OKAY!!

I'LL
BE AT
MORNING
PRACTICE
TOMOR-
ROW!!

THANK
YOU,
GODA!!

**...BUT
I'LL DO
IT!!**

I DON'T
KNOW HOW
MUCH HELP
I'LL BE...



SO
WHY DON'T
YOU DO IT
ANYMORE?

REALLY?
THAT'S
AMAZING!

HOW
COOL!!



IT'S
IMPRESSIVE
THAT THEY
ASKED YOU!
HAVE YOU
EVER DONE
JUDO?

ALL
THROUGH
MIDDLE
SCHOOL.

YOU
WERE REALLY
GOOD. YOU
EVEN WENT
TO NATIONALS.



IT'S NO
BIG DEAL.
YOU'RE
MORE THAN
STRONG
ENOUGH.

I
FOR-
GOT
TO
JOIN.



MIKE
TYSON'S
STILL
AROUND.

I STILL
HAVE A
WAYS
TO GO.

I
WONDER
WHAT
RANK
YOU'D
BE!

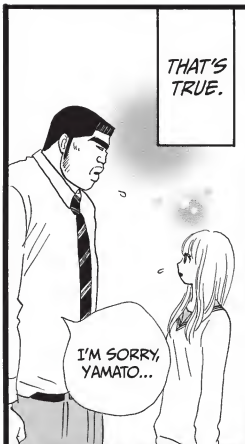
BE THAT
AS IT
MAY...



THERE ARE
STILL TONS
OF GUYS IN
THE WORLD
WHO ARE
STRONGER
THAN ME!



I THINK IF YOU
RANKED ALL
OF HUMANITY
BY STRENGTH,
YOU'D BE IN
THE TOP TIER.



THAT'S
TRUE.

I'M SORRY,
YAMATO...



OH!

IF YOU'RE
TRAINING FOR
THE TOURNAMENT,
YOU'RE NOT
GOING TO BE
ABLE TO SEE
YAMATO FOR A
WHILE.

ABOUT A
MONTH.



I
LOVE
YOU.

AND I
WANT TO
SEE YOU IN
ACTION!



YAMATO
...



I'LL
BE FINE,
TAKEO!

HELP THE
JUDO TEAM
OUT!

IT REALLY IS
GREAT THAT
THEY ASKED
YOU!





OKAY!
I'LL BE
CHEERING
YOU ON, AND
I'LL BE ALL
RIGHT.

GOOD
LUCK,
TAKEO!



YOU
WILL,
HUH?



IF YOU EVER
WANT TO SEE
ME, JUST LET
ME KNOW...

...AND
I'LL COME
RUNNING.

NO!!

YAMATO...



YOU'RE
GIVING
ME YOUR
SUPPORT!



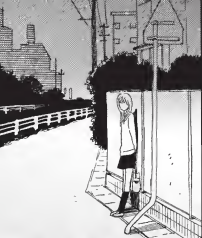
MARTIAL
ARTS
DOJO

I'M
GOING
TO DO
THIS!!

JUST
WATCH,
YAMATO!

WE CAN
REALLY
DO IT!

GODA IS
WORKING SO
HARD FOR
US...



EVERY-
ONE,
BOW!

THANK
YOU
VERY
MUCH!



I TOOK A
PEEK AT YOUR
PRACTICE.

SORRY
FOR
TURNING
UP LIKE
THIS.

YOU WERE
FANTASTIC!



YAMATO

...



GOOD
WORK,
TAKEO!

YAMATO!!



YAMATO
...

I CAN
MAKE
THINGS
OTHER
THAN
SWEETS!



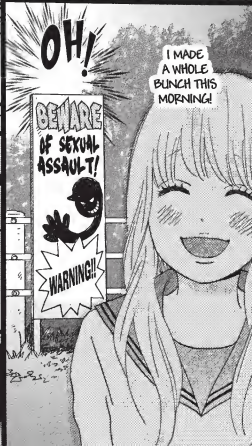
I
BROUGHT
SOME
RICE
BALLS
FOR YOU!



THANK YOU,
YAMATO.



SILENCE



OH!

I MADE
A WHOLE
BUNCH THIS
MORNING!

BEWARE
OF SEXUAL
ASSAULT!

WARNING!!



LET'S GO.
I'LL WALK
YOU HOME.

IT'S
DARK AND
DANGER-
OUS.

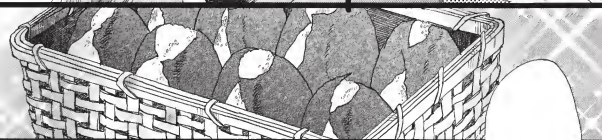


IF
SOMETHING
HAPPENED
TO HER,
I'D NEVER
FORGIVE
MYSELF.



BUT DON'T
COME HERE
ANYMORE!

HUH?



SALMON
ROE.

COD
ROE.

SALMON.

GRILLED
MEAT.

TUNA
AND
MAYO.

THIS ONE
IS PICKLED
PLUM.

CLAP

THANKS
FOR THE
FOOD.

YAMATO

...

AND
FRESH
RICE
IS SO
HOT TO
HANDLE
TOO...

DELICIOUS
...

SHE MADE
SO MANY
KINDS OF
RICE BALLS
WITH THOSE
DELICATE
HANDS...

THEY'RE SO
GOOD!!

I'M
GONNA
GIVE IT
ALL I'VE
GOT!!!



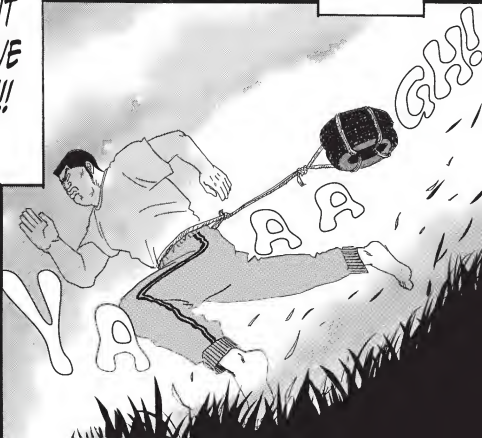
I'm so glad!
You must get
hungry.
Eat up!
Good luck!

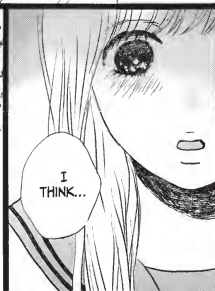
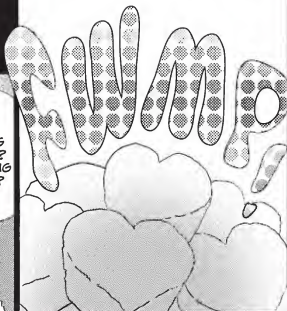


Your rice
balls were
the best!
Thanks for
the food!

I
LOVE
YOU.

Y
A
A
H
!





HE'D NEVER,
EVER GET
MAD ABOUT
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.

...

...SO IT
MUST'VE
BEEN
PRETTY
SERIOUS...

HE NEVER
SAYS NOT
TO DO
THINGS...

I WENT
OVER-
BOARD
AND MADE
HIM A
SNACK.

HE TOLD
ME NOT
TO VISIT
HIM.

EITHER YOU
MISINTERPRETED
OR YOU'RE
OVERREACTING.

EVER SINCE I
MET TAKEO, I'VE
HAD ALL THESE
FEELINGS DEEP
INSIDE ME.

I GUESS
THIS IS WHAT
LOVE FEELS
LIKE...

...THE FIRST
TIME I'VE
BEEN IN
LOVE.

THIS
IS...

I-I
GUESS
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

TAKEO
WOULD
NEVER DO
THAT!

NOW THAT
I THINK ABOUT
IT, THAT MAKES
SENSE...
THANKS,
SUNAKAWA...

RIGHT?
DON'T WORRY
SO MUCH.

I
HAVE
TO
AGREE.



EVERY DAY,
MY HEART
RACES AND
I SMILE.

AND WHEN
I SEE HIM, I
THINK ABOUT
HOW MUCH I
LOVE HIM.

I KNOW
THAT
FEELING.

TAKEO WAS
MY FIRST
FRIEND.



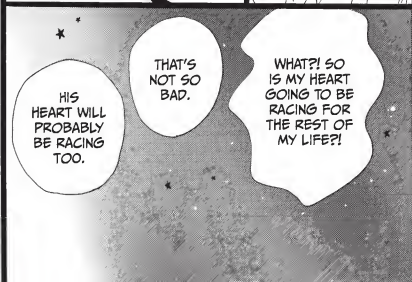
I'VE BEEN
WITH HIM
FOR OVER
TEN YEARS,
AND I STILL
HAVEN'T
GOTTEN
BORED.

I
WONDER
WHEN
IT'LL
SETTLE
DOWN.

I LOVE
HIM SO
MUCH THAT
I KIND OF
CREEP MY-
SELF OUT.
I WANT
TO BE
CALMER.



PRETTY
CRAZY THAT
HE'S A FIRST
FOR BOTH
OF US.



HIS
HEART WILL
PROBABLY
BE RACING
TOO.

THAT'S
NOT SO
BAD.

WHAT?! SO
IS MY HEART
GOING TO BE
RACING FOR
THE REST OF
MY LIFE?!

IF I SEE HIM
ONCE, I'LL WANT
TO SEE HIM
AGAIN. I'M GOING
TO FIGHT IT! I
DON'T WANT TO
BE A NUISANCE!

NO...

HE'S
NOT THE TYPE
WHO'D THINK
YOU'RE BEING
A NUISANCE.

I REALLY
WANT TO
SEE HIM.

WHY DON'T
YOU STICK
AROUND?

HE SHOULD BE
HOME FROM
PRACTICE
SOON.

OH MY
GOD!

HOW
AM I
GOING
TO
STAND
IT?!

WHAT
?!

HE GETS
COOLER
?!!

IF
HE WERE
PLAYING
SOCCER,
HE'D
NEVER
MISS A
PENALTY
KICK.

HIS
CONCENTRATION IS
INCRED-
IBLE.

I WENT
TO SEE
ONE
OF HIS
MATCHES
ONCE.

HE'LL
BE EVEN
COOLER
DURING
THE
MATCH.

TAKEO WAS
SO COOL
DURING
PRACTICE.

TAKE A
LOOK!

IF YOU
CONNECT
THAT STAR
AND THAT
STAR...

HUH?

OH!

THOSE
STARS
LOOK LIKE
TAKEO!

**TAKEO
CONSTEL-
LATION!!**



TAKEO
CONSTEL-
LATION?

YEAH
?

IT LOOKS
EXACTLY LIKE
TAKEO WHEN
HE SMILES!



THOSE
STARS
LOOK LIKE
HIM SAVING
ME ON THE
TRAIN!

WE'RE
UP TO
THREE...

YEAH?
THE
PLEIADES

SO THAT'S
TWO TAKEO
CONSTEL-
LATIONS.

OH!

AND THOSE
SEVEN STARS
LOOK LIKE
TAKEO DOING
A SHOULDER
THROW!

EXACTLY!

... WHATEVER
PICTURES
YOU WANT IN
THE STARS.

YOU CAN
SEE...



LOOK!
THOSE STARS
LOOK LIKE
TAKEO WHEN
HE WAS
ESCAPING
FROM THE
FIRE!



I THINK I'M
STARTING
TO SEE IT
TOO...

Re:
Let's do that!!

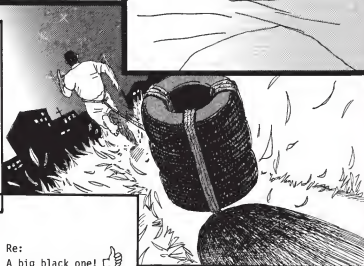
✉ From Yamato

Takeo, 🐼 are you working hard? 🌸🌸🌸
I saw so many flowers in bloom at
school. 🌸 I could only identify
tulips though. 🌸
I'd like to go to the botanical
garden sometime! 🌸



✉ From Yamato

I can't see the stars tonight. 🌧
Is it gonna rain tomorrow? ☁
You should carry an umbrella! ☂
What kind of umbrella do you have? ??? 🤔



Re:
A big black one! 👍

✉ From Yamato

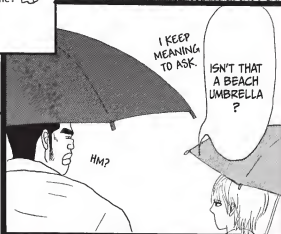
Hang in there!
Hang in there,
Takeo! 🌟
I'm rooting for you 24/7! 📶❤❤

✉ From Yamato

Don't get hurt, Takeo! ☹
I'm wishing that as hard as I can. 🌟
Don't get hurt, don't get hurt! 🙏🙏

Re:
Thanks a bunch! 👍

Re:
I can feel the luck you're sending! Thanks!





BUT
I ALSO
WANT TO
DO THIS
BECAUSE
YAMATO
TOLD ME
TO DO MY
BEST.

AND
SINCE
I TOLD
THEM I'D
HELP, I
WANT TO
GO ALL
OUT...

THESE GUYS
BEGGED ME
FOR HELP.

...BUT
WE CAN'T
KEEP UP
WITH HIM
AT ALL.



THIS IS THE
FIRST TIME
I'VE GONE
SO LONG
WITHOUT
TALKING TO
HER.

I HAVEN'T
HEARD
HER
VOICE IN
AGES.

YAMATO...

WHAT'S
WRONG
?!

HEY.

TAKEO?!
IT'S ME.

I JUST
WANTED TO
HEAR YOUR
VOICE.

SO I'LL JUST
TALK A BIT,
THEN...?

UH...
OKAY!

HUH?!
MY...MY
VOICE?!

☒ Send to:Yamato

Good evening.
Mind if I
give you a
call?

TAP

TAP

I WANT
TO HEAR
HER
VOICE!

Sent

DOOT





IT'S HARD
TO JUST
TALK.

HA HA!
NOW WHAT
DO I SAY?

YAMATO...

HMM...
AND...

I'M
DOING
JUST
FINE!

HOW
ARE YOU,
TAKEO?

UM...
WELL,
IT'S
ME!



YAMATO
...



CHAK

701
SUNAKAWA



OH! YOUR
MATCH IS
TOMORROW,
RIGHT?

COME
WITH
SUNA.

OKAY! I'M
LOOKING
FORWARD
TO IT.

WATCH
FOR
ME.





GOOD
NIGHT.

SHOW HER
WHAT YOU
CAN DO.

ANYWAY,
SHE'S REALLY
EXCITED TO
SEE YOUR
MATCH.

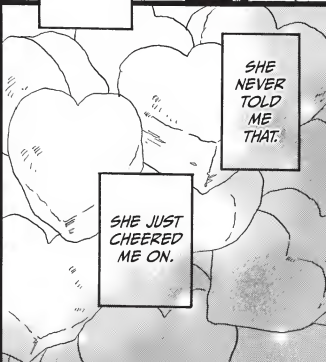


I GET
IT NOW,
YAMATO.

THAT'S
THE KIND OF
PERSON YOU
ARE...

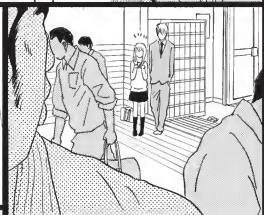


YAMATO...



SHE
NEVER
TOLD
ME
THAT.

SHE JUST
CHEERED
ME ON.







TSUYOSHI'S AN
OLD FRIEND.
WE WENT TO
THE SAME
DOJO BACK IN
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL.

OH! PLEASED
TO MEET YOU!
I'M TAKEO'S
GIRLFRIEND,
YAMATO!

B
I
A
N
C
A

I'VE
ALREADY
WON,
TAKEO!

HA
HA
HA!

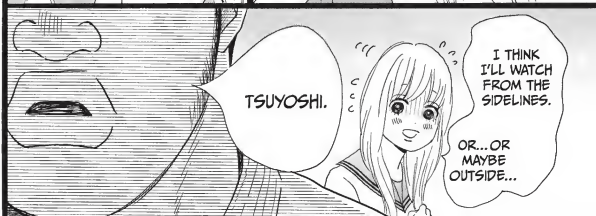




...SINCE
STARTING
HIGH SCHOOL,
I'VE GONE TO
NATIONALS!

YOU WERE
ALWAYS
STRONGER
THAN ME
BEFORE,
BUT...

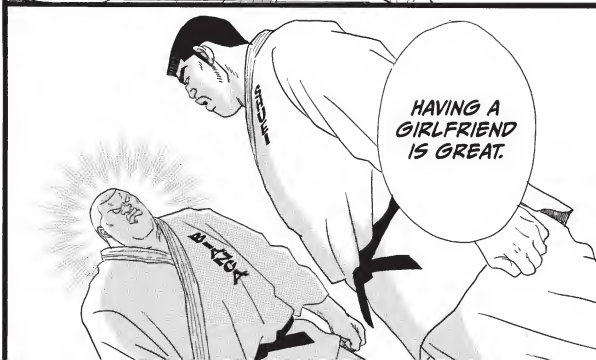
AND
YOU'VE BEEN
FOOLING AROUND
WITH YOUR
GIRLFRIEND,
SO THERE'S
NO WAY YOU'LL
BEAT ME!



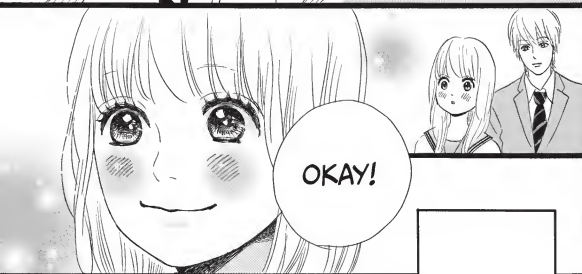
TSUYOSHI.

I THINK
I'LL WATCH
FROM THE
SIDELINES.

OR... OR
MAYBE
OUTSIDE...



HAVING A
GIRLFRIEND
IS GREAT.



...ALWAYS
WARM MY
HEART.

THE
THINGS
YOU
MAKE...

YAMATO
...

SHUEI
KONDO

SORRY,
GODA.
IT'S
UP TO
YOU!

SHU
GODA!!

SHUEI
HIGH...

CAPTAIN
TAKEO
GODA!

YOU'RE
UP!

...

TAKEO!

IT ALL
COMES
DOWN TO
THE
CAPTAINS'
MATCH.

TWO
WINS,
TWO
LOSS-
ES...



COME ON!

SHOW ME WHAT YOU'VE GOT!

BOW!

AND NOW ...

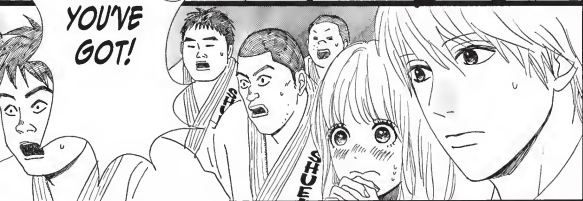
... BEGIN!

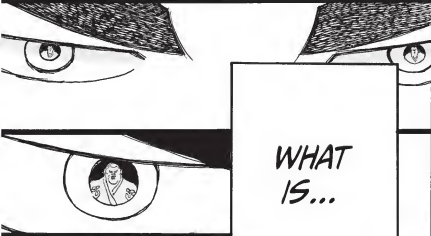
BIANCA HIGH...
CAPTAIN
TSUYOSHI
IWAYAMA!

HE WANTS TO SHOW OFF FOR HIS GIRL-FRIEND...

GO, TSUYOSHI! YOU'RE THE STRONGEST IN THE WHOLE PREFECTURE!

...BUT I WON'T LET HIM!





WHAT
IS...



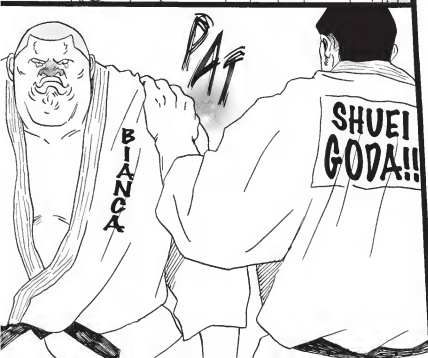
...STRENGTH
?

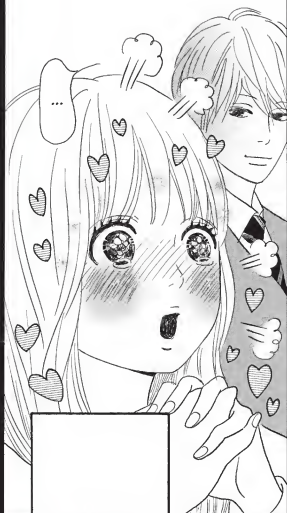




THERE'S
A FIRE
IN MY
HEART!!







YAMATO...

... COULD
MAKE
EVEN
A GUY
SWOON.

A
SHOW
LIKE
THAT...



TAKEO!

YOU WERE
INCREDIBLE!

I
LOVE
YOU.



YOUR
SUPPORT
MADE IT ALL
POSSIBLE.



YAMATO...



IT
WAS SO
AMAZING!
YOU WERE
SO COOL!

THANKS!



WHAT IS
STRENGTH
?

SHE LOOKS
LIKE SHE'S
GOING TO
PASS OUT,
TAKEO.

I-IT WAS
NOTHING...

...THE
VERY
BEST I
CAN BE.

I WANT TO
BECOME...

YAMATO

...

...

THE
STARS ARE
BEAUTIFUL
TONIGHT.

THEY
ARE!

OH,
YEAH!

I DISCOVERED
SOME TAKEO
CONSTELLATIONS!

IF YOU
CONNECT
THOSE TWO
STARS, IT
LOOKS LIKE
YOU SMILING!

H
M?

I'M
IMPRESSED
YOU REMEM-
BERED
THEM.

SUNNY

AND THOSE
ARE YOU DOING
A SHOULDER
THROW!

IT'S
RIGHT NEXT
TO THE TAKEO
CONSTELLATION
!!

IF YOU JOIN
THOSE TWO
STARS, IT
LOOKS
LIKE YOU
SMILING.

...
WHERE?
SUNN

HUH?

I THINK IT
LOOKS MORE
LIKE YOU.





AND
LET'S
TALK
ABOUT
THE
LITTLE
THINGS
UNTIL
SUNSET.

LET'S
SPEND
MORE
TIME TO-
GETHER.

YAMATO

...

THAT'S A
CONSTELLATION
OF THOSE
MACARONS
YOU MADE.

AND
THAT'S
YOU WHEN
WE FIRST
MET.

THAT'S
YOU
HOLDING
UP THE
METAL
BEAM.

IT'S
RIGHT NEXT
TO ANOTHER
TAKAO
CONSTEL-
LATION!
♡♡

SUNA'S
THERE
TOO.

...

SPRING FRUITS SAKURA RICE CAKES

Sweet
No.3



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Ingredients (8 pieces):

70g [0.3 cup] cake flour	1/2 teaspoon powdered green tea
20g [1 1/8 tablespoon] rice flour	vegetable oil as needed
20g [1 1/8 tablespoon] sugar	160g [5.64 oz] pureed sweet bean paste
130ml [0.55 cup] water	apricot compote

INSTRUCTIONS • • • • •

- 1 Sift the cake flour into a bowl and add the rice flour, sugar and water. Mix well with an egg beater until the lumps are gone.
- 2 Divide the resulting mixture in half. Set one half aside. Dissolve the green tea in 1 teaspoon of hot water, and add to the remaining half. Mix well.
- 3 Heat a frying pan on medium-low heat and coat it with vegetable oil. With a small ladle, pour in some of the batter from step 1 and 2, and spread it into a small circle using the back of the ladle. When the surface of the batter dries, carefully peel away the edges and flip it over. Cook it for about 30 seconds and remove it from the pan. Repeat with remaining batter.

- 4 Spread the pureed sweet bean paste and apricot on each sheet, then roll it up. If desired, you can cut some sheets into shapes to decorate the rolled ones.

Sweet
No.4

WEDDING CAKE of LOVE for SUNAKAWA

Ingredients:

Large sponge cake (7-inch diameter) Small sponge cake (5-inch diameter)
(Each sliced horizontally in two)

A 40g [2 2/3 tbsp] sugar 100ml [0.4 cup] water

Remaining ingredients:

200ml [0.8 cup] + 200ml [0.8 cup] fresh cream
15g [1 tbsp] + 15g [1 tbsp] sugar
1 package of strawberries
1 orange
Mintle chocolate, cookies,
jellybeans, chocolate spray,
chocolate decorations (as needed)

INSTRUCTIONS • • • • •

- 1 Combine the first two ingredients (A) in a small pot and bring to a boil. Stir until the sugar is completely dissolved.
- 2 Spread the syrup resulting from step 1 onto the cut areas of the two sponge cakes.
- 3 Place 200ml of fresh cream and 1 tbsp of sugar into a bowl. Chill the bowl with ice water and beat with an egg beater for 8 minutes.
- 4 Take one each of the small and large sponge cake slices and spread the cream from step 3 onto them. Place thinly-sliced strawberries on top, and then place the remaining sponge cake slices on top.
- 5 Repeat step 3, and beat the fresh cream. Spread onto the surface of the cakes.



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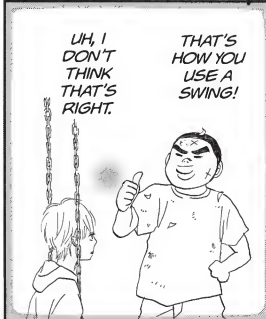
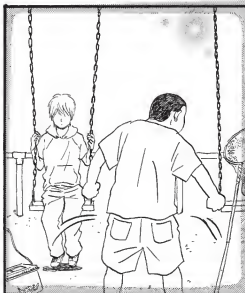
- 6 Place the small cake on top of the large cake, and decorate with candy or fruit.

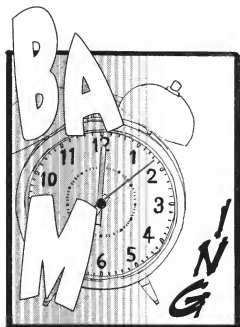
A 100% FAITHFUL
REPRODUCTION OF
THE CAKE FROM
THE MANGA!!



MY *love* **STORY!!**







CHIRP CHIRP

...SURE
BROUGHT
BACK
MEMORIES.



WOW.
THAT
DREAM
...





...EVEN
HAD A
COOL
WAY OF
USING THE
SWINGS.

YEAH, I
REMEM-
BER.

I'M
GONNA
HEAD
STRAIGHT
HOME
TODAY.

SUNA...



YEAH.
SEE
YOU.

OH,
YEAH?



HUH?

STUFF
TO DO
?

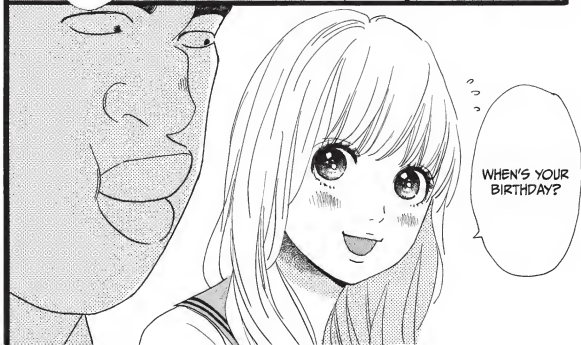
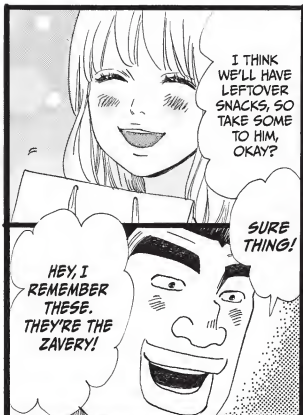
WHY
NOT
COME
WITH
US?

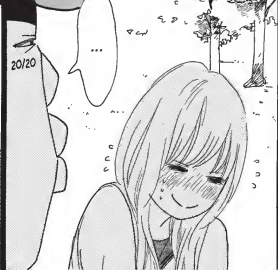
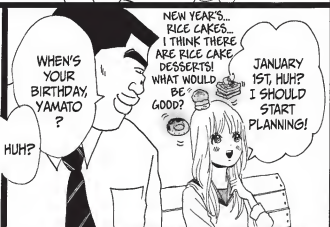
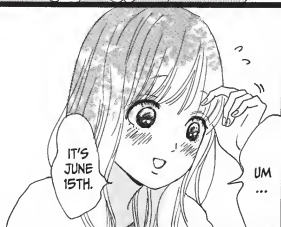
YAMATO
MIGHT'VE
MADE
SOME
SNACKS
FOR YOU
TOO.

I HAVE
STUFF
TO DO.

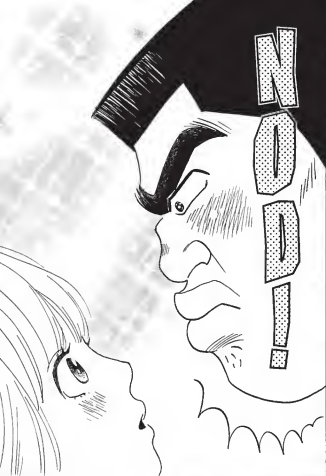


TAKEO!



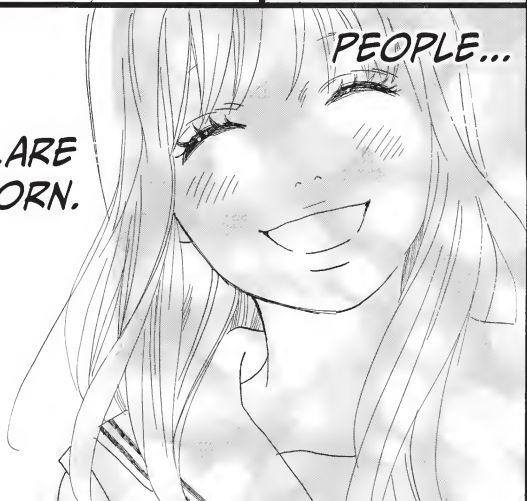


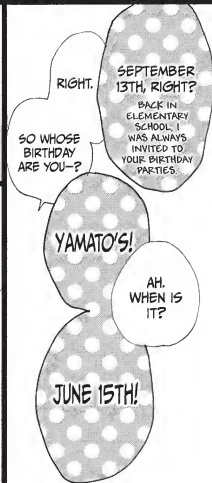
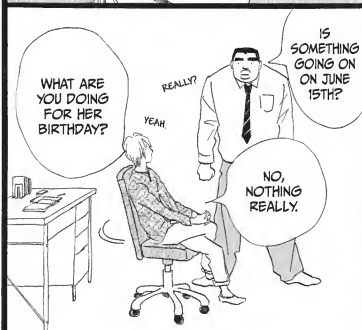




...ARE
BORN.

PEOPLE...







...ARE
BORN.



WELCOME
HOME.

OH,
TAKEO!

PEOPLE...

AS OF JANUARY,
YOU'RE GOING
TO BE A BIG
BROTHER!



HOW OLD
ARE YOU,
MOM?

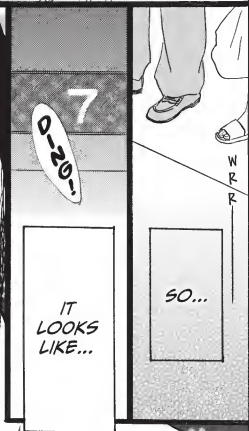
FORTY.

BUT
I'M 22
ON THE
INSIDE.

THAT'S
YOUNG.



CAN YOU
PUSH THE
BUTTON?



YOU'RE
GOING TO
BE A BIG
BROTHER
?!

PEOPLE
ARE
BORN...

REALLY
?!

WOW...
YOU'RE
GOING TO
BE A BIG
BROTHER...

...FORTY.

THAT'S
SO
COOL!
♡

YOUR
MOM'S...

THAT'S
AMAZING!
CONGRATU-
LATIONS!

IS IT A
BOY OR
A GIRL?

WE
DON'T
KNOW
YET.

BASHFUL

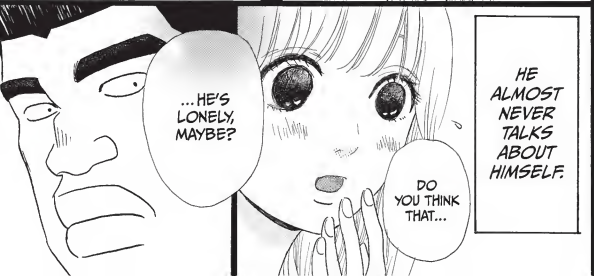
I'VE GOT
TO GET
GOING.

R-
REALLY
?

I THINK
YOU'D MAKE A
GREAT MOM,
YAMATO.

I BET
YOU'LL BE A
FANTASTIC
OLDER
BROTHER!

AND
IF YOU
HAVE KIDS,
YOU'LL BE
AN AMAZING
DAD!





MY
BIRTHDAY
DOESN'T
NEED TO BE
JUST THE
TWO OF
US.

LET'S
INVITE
SUNAKAWA!



I MEAN,
HE ENJOYS
BEING WITH
YOU TOO.

HE
MIGHT FEEL
BAD ABOUT
SPENDING LESS
TIME WITH YOU
SINCE YOU AND
I HAVE BEEN
HANGING OUT.

YAMATO...



YOU'RE
SURE
THAT'S
OKAY?

YEAH!



I
LOVE
YOU!



THANK
YOU.



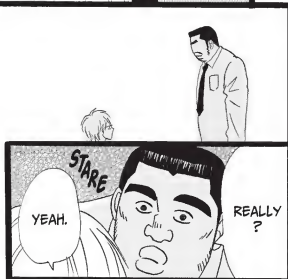
WANT TO
CELEBRATE
YAMATO'S
BIRTHDAY
WITH US ON
THE 15TH?!

WHY?

?



HEY,
SUNA!



YEAH.

REALLY
?



I
SEE.

BESIDES, I
ALREADY HAVE
PLANS THAT
DAY.



SHE
THOUGHT
YOU
MIGHT BE
LONELY...

I'M
FINE.

I'M
NOT.



YOU'VE
SEEMED
KINDA
DIFFERENT
LATELY.

I
THOUGHT
MAYBE
SOMETHING
WAS UP.

SO
HE'S NOT
LONELY
...?

WHAT
BROUGHT
THAT ON?



OH,
REALLY
?

...

...AND HE
DOESN'T
WANT TO
TELL ME, I
SHOULDN'T
PUSH HIM.

IF
SOME-
THING'S
GOING
ON WITH
SUNA...

MAYBE
I'M JUST
THINKING
TOO HARD.

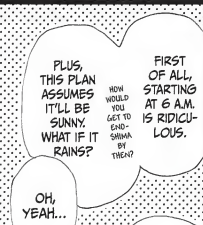
LATELY
I'VE HAD
TO FACE
UP TO THE
FACT THAT
I'M KINDA
DENSE.



TAKEO...



I'LL JUST WAIT UNTIL HE WANTS TO TELL ME!

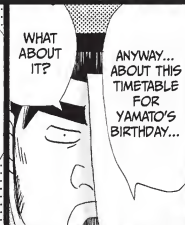


PLUS, THIS PLAN ASSUMES IT'LL BE SUNNY. WHAT IF IT RAINS?

HOW WOULD YOU GET TO ENDO-SHIMA BY THEN?

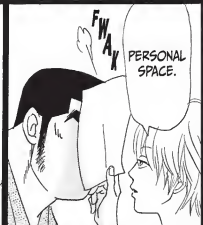
FIRST OF ALL, STARTING AT 6 A.M. IS RIDICULOUS.

OH, YEAH...



WHAT ABOUT IT?

ANYWAY... ABOUT THIS TIMETABLE FOR YAMATO'S BIRTHDAY...



FWAK

PERSONAL SPACE.

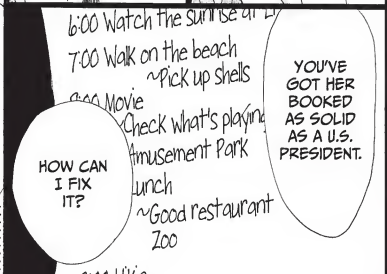


ONLY YOU COULD HANDLE THIS SCHEDULE.

AND YOU DIDN'T FACTOR IN BREAKS OR TRAVEL TIME.

GUESS I'LL START OVER.

I SEE.



HOW CAN I FIX IT?

6:00 Watch the sunrise at
7:00 Walk on the beach
~Pick up shells
8:00 Movie
~Check what's playing
Amusement Park
lunch
~Good restaurant
Zoo

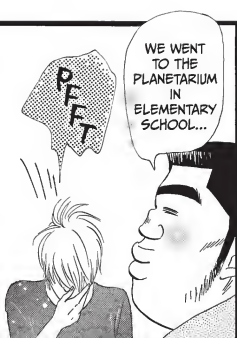
YOU'VE GOT HER BOOKED AS SOLID AS A U.S. PRESIDENT.

2:00 Hiking



(THIS IS SUNAKAWA'S ROOM)







YEAH!
THIS IS
AWESOME!

I DIDN'T KNOW
CELEBRATING MY
GIRLFRIEND'S
BIRTHDAY WOULD
BE SO EXCITING.



WELL, WE'VE
BEEN FRIENDS
FOR OVER
TEN YEARS.

THAT'S
RIGHT.



HEY, THESE
ARE ALL
PLACES I'VE
BEEN TO
WITH YOU.



THAT'S
GREAT.

CONGRATS.

THANKS!

USUALLY,
GOT ANY
MONEY?

I FORGOT!
PRESENTS
ARE
PART OF
BIRTHDAYS,
HUH?!

WE'VE
KNOWN
EACH
OTHER
FOR A
LONG
TIME.

NOT A
CENT!

WANT
ME TO
LEND YOU
SOME?

'CAUSE
YOU
SPEND
IT ON
SNACKS
A LIKE
YAKINIKU

SO
DID YOU
PICK A
PRESENT
FOR HER?

IF THE
TEMP PAY'S
GOOD AND
THEY'LL
TAKE A
STUDENT...
...I'LL
DO ANY-
THING.

THIS IS
URGENT.

THAT'D
BE
ROUGH
AFTER
EATING.

MAYBE
MOUNTAIN
CLIMBING?

CAN
WE DO
SOMETHING
BETWEEN
LUNCH
AND THE
PLANET-
ARIUM?

I CAN'T USE
SOMEONE
ELSE'S
MONEY TO
CELEBRATE
YAMATO'S
BIRTHDAY!

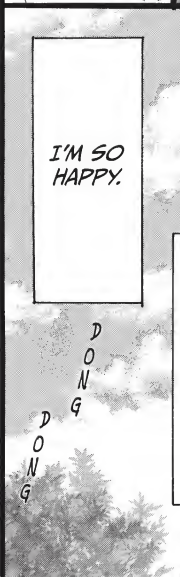
THEN...
GET A
PART-TIME
JOB.

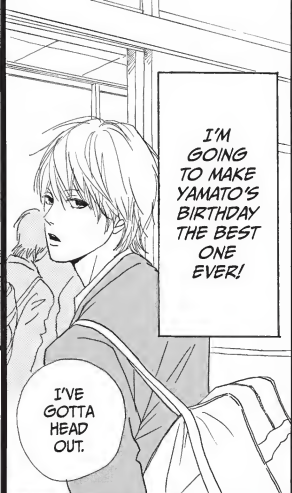
YES, SUNA!! I'LL GO
GET A PART-TIME
JOB!!

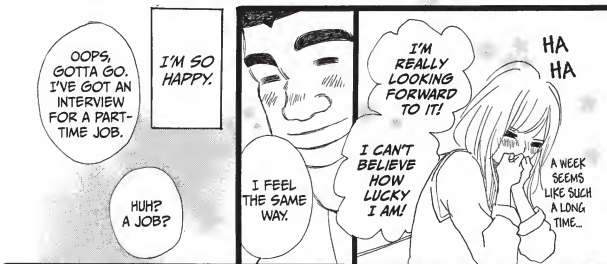
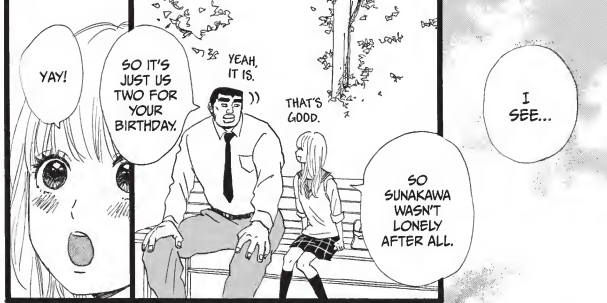
WANT ME
TO FIND
ONE FOR
YOU?



10:00 Meet in front of the station
Go to the first spot (do what's by hand)
12:00 Lunch
10 minutes from the first spot Restaurant Cafe Rhapsody
Make reservation
(Call them if it's for a while)
2:00 If the weather is good!
If the weather's bad, a cafe
*Make a number, get inside
3:00 Planetarium
Projector for visitors to







YAMATO...

BUT LET ME
DO THIS!
IT'LL BE
FUN!

THANK
YOU,
SIR! YOU
WON'T
REGRET
THIS!

THAT'S
A GREAT
ATTITUDE...

PEOPLE
LIKE
YOU ARE
RARE.

IF IT
WORKS
OUT, WE'LL
EVEN KEEP
YOU ON.

THANK
YOU.

I'M IN-
CREDIBLY
HAPPY.

I
GOT A
JOB!

SUNA!

CONGRATS.
WHERE IS
IT?

RESUMÉ

TAKEO

WE'LL
TAKE YOU ON
TEMPORARILY.



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BUGS
AND
STUFF.

DID I
GIVE
YOU BAD
ONES?

I KNOW
HOW BAD
YOU ARE AT
PRESENTS.

I
DON'T
KNOW
WHICH
STORES
ARE
GOOD.

WILL YOU
COME HELP
ME PICK OUT
A PRESENT?

YEAH,
SURE.

THOSE ARE
ADORABLE! I'D
LOVE TO HAVE A
CAFÉ AU LAIT IN
ONE SOMETIME.

DO YOU
REMEMBER
YAMATO
MENTIONING
THAT CAFÉ
AU LAIT
BOWLS ARE
CUTE?

MOVE
CAREFULLY,
OKAY?
YOU'RE
KINDA
HUGE.

HMM...

OH
YEAH!

SO THIS
IS WHAT
SHE MEANT,
HUH?

HMM...

I SEE...

IT
LOOKS
LIKE A
TEACUP
WHEN
YOU
HOLD IT.

HOW
ABOUT THIS,
TAKEO?

WHAT
IS IT?
A TEA
CUP?



SUNA?

WHAT DO
YOU THINK
OF THIS?



AND THAT
INCLUDES
ME TOO
...



SUNA
OBSERVES
PEOPLE
CLOSELY.



I WANT
TO GIVE
IT TO
HER.

I BET IT'D
LOOK CUTE
ON HER.



I'LL ASK
THEM TO
HOLD IT
FOR YOU.



SHE
SAID
OKAY.

OF
COURSE!

IT'D
SUCK IF
SOMEONE
BOUGHT IT
BEFORE I
GET PAID.



YEAH,
THAT
LOOKS
GOOD.

YOU
SURE
ARE
MACHO.



YEAH!
THANKS!



ALREADY,
HUH?
GOOD
LUCK.



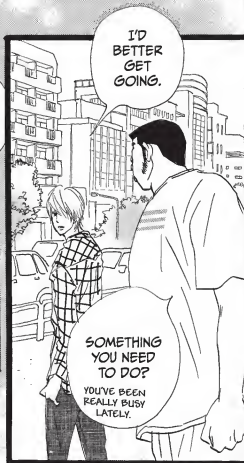
OH, I NEED
TO GET TO
WORK TOO.



I HOPE
YOU'RE
EXCITED!



YAMATO...



I'D
BETTER
GET
GOING.

SOMETHING
YOU NEED
TO DO?
YOU'VE BEEN
REALLY BUSY
LATELY.

BINO CAFE
MR. CHOS

I'M A
HAPPY
GUY.

OOH, JUST
MY TYPE.
IS HE
NEW?

WELCOME!

WELCOME!

BRO CAFÉ
MACHOS

THANKS
FOR
WAITING!

WHERE DO
YOU WORK
OUT? YOUR
DELTOIDS ARE
AMAZING!

HERE'S
YOUR
PROTEIN
TEA!

CLUNK

I RAN INTO
MAKOTO AT
THE HOSPITAL
THOUGH.

WELCOME
BACK.

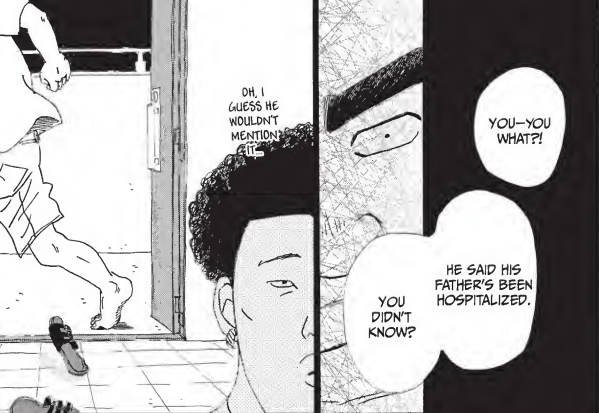
SURE, I'M
FINE. YOUR
FATHER ASKED
THE SAME
THING.

REALLY?

I'M
HOME!

MOM,
ARE YOU
FEELING
OKAY?

SLAM!!



OH, I
GUESS HE
WOULDN'T
MENTION
IT.

YOU-YOU
WHAT?!

YOU
DIDN'T
KNOW?

HE SAID HIS
FATHER'S BEEN
HOSPITALIZED.

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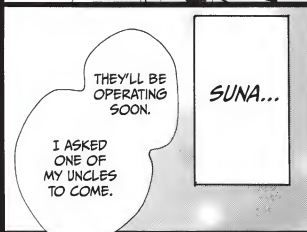
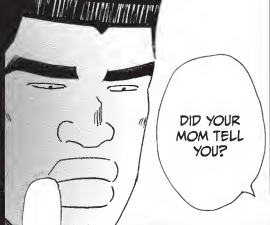
SUNAKAWA

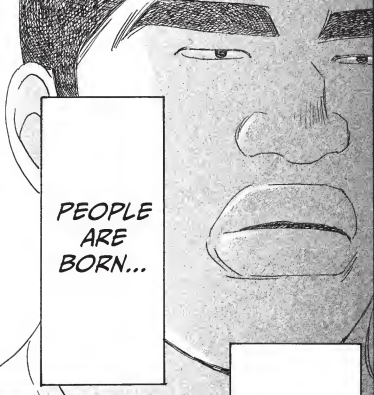
KACHAK



WHAT'S
WRONG?
WANNA
COME IN?

...





PEOPLE
ARE
BORN...

JUNE
15TH.



IT'S
JUST A
COINCIDENCE...

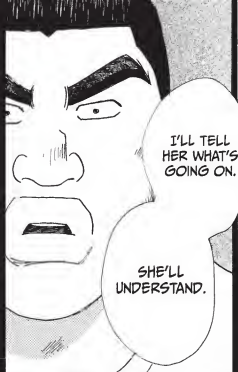
...AND
PEOPLE
DIE.



I'LL BE
THERE
TOO!



"MY
BIRTHDAY
IS ON
JUNE
15TH!"



I'LL TELL
HER WHAT'S
GOING ON.

SHE'LL
UNDERSTAND.



BUT THAT'S
YAMATO'S
BIRTHDAY.

I'LL
STAY AND
KEEP YOU
COMPANY.



CAN YOU
TRY TO
UNDER-
STAND?



IT'S YOUR
FIRST GIRL-
FRIEND'S
BIRTHDAY. I
DON'T WANT
TO MESS UP
YOUR PLANS.

YOU WERE
REALLY
LOOKING
FORWARD
TO IT,
RIGHT?

IT'S NOT
MESSING
UP—

TAKEO...



ACTUALLY,
DON'T TELL
HER ABOUT
MY DAD,
OKAY?

IF YOU DO,
SHE'LL BE
REALLY
WORRIED.

YAMATO
WILL
UNDER-
STAND!

TAKEO,
YOU'RE
MY
FRIEND.



IT WON'T
MAKE ME
HAPPY...

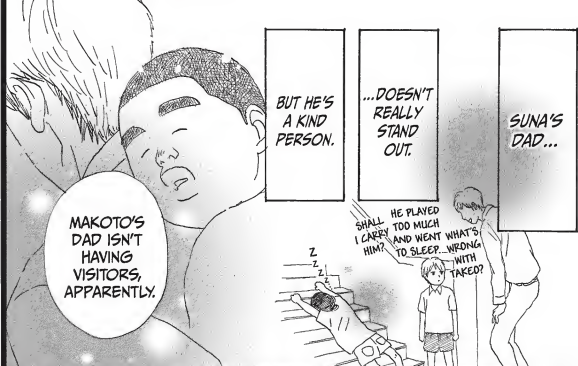
...IF YOU RUIN
YOUR PLANS
SO YOU CAN
BE THERE.



I WAS
PREPARED
FOR THIS.

I'LL
BE ALL
RIGHT.

MY DAD
HASN'T BEEN
WELL FOR A
WHILE NOW.



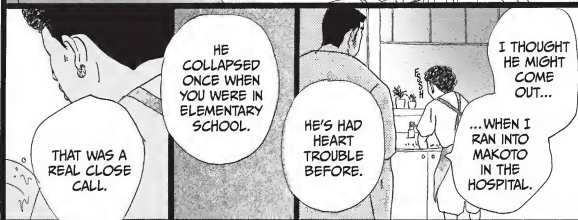
MAKOTO'S
DAD ISN'T
HAVING
VISITORS,
APPARENTLY.

BUT HE'S
A KIND
PERSON.

...DOESN'T
REALLY
STAND
OUT.

SUNA'S
DAD...

SHALL
I CARRY
HIM?
HE PLAYED
TOD MUCH
AND WENT
TO SLEEP...
WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH
TAKED?



THAT WAS A
REAL CLOSE
CALL.

HE
COLLAPSED
ONCE WHEN
YOU WERE IN
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL.

HE'S HAD
HEART
TROUBLE
BEFORE.

I THOUGHT
HE MIGHT
COME
OUT...

...WHEN I
RAN INTO
MAKOTO
IN THE
HOSPITAL.



SHE
SURE IS
MATURE.

MOM KNEW
ABOUT IT, BUT
SHE DIDN'T
SAY ANY-
THING.



...THERE
ARE
TONS OF
THINGS
I DON'T
KNOW.

EVEN AFTER
BEING FRIENDS
FOR OVER TEN
YEARS, THERE
ARE STILL LOTS
OF THINGS
ABOUT SUNA
THAT I DON'T
KNOW.

EVEN
THOUGH I
KNOW HIS
BIRTHDAY...

...AND
EVEN WHAT
KIND OF
UNDERWEAR
HE WEARS...

BUT
THEN
AGAIN
...



"SHE SEEMS LIKE A NICE GIRL."

"COME OUT AND TELL HER HOW YOU FEEL."

"WELL,
I DON'T
LIKE
YOU AT
ALL."

...THERE
ARE A
LOT OF
OTHER
THINGS...

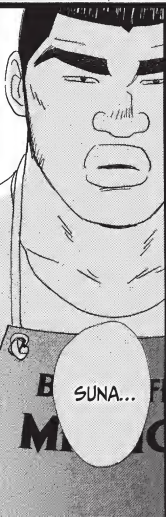
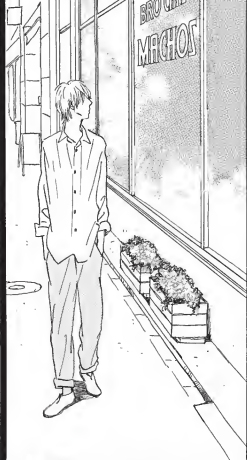
...THAT
I DO
KNOW
ABOUT
HIM.

"THAT'S
GREAT.
CON-
GRATS."

"EVERY-
BODY
WANTS TO
SEE THEIR
FRIENDS
HAPPY."

"I JUST
PREFER
SEEING
YOU
HAPPY."

MACHOS





SO
DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
ANYTHING!



I'M
GOING
TO...



...RESPECT
YOUR
WISHES.



LISTEN,
SUNA.

THAT'S
GOOD TO
HEAR.

SO
DON'T
YOU
WORRY!

IT'S
GONNA
BE
OKAY.

DON'T
WORRY.

I'M
JUST
FINE,
DEAR

HOW'RE YOU
HOLDING UP,
MOM?

JUST DO IT

I'M
HOME!

SUNA...

I'M...

JINGL~E

✉ From: Yamato

Thank you for tomorrow! ✨
I'm looking forward to it so much!
I can't sleep! ☹️
I'm so excited! 🤗🤗
I'm so happy! 🥳🥳
Thank you, Takeo! ✨
You've made me so happy! 🤗🤗

Re:
I'll meet you at the
station tomorrow at 10. 👍

Sent



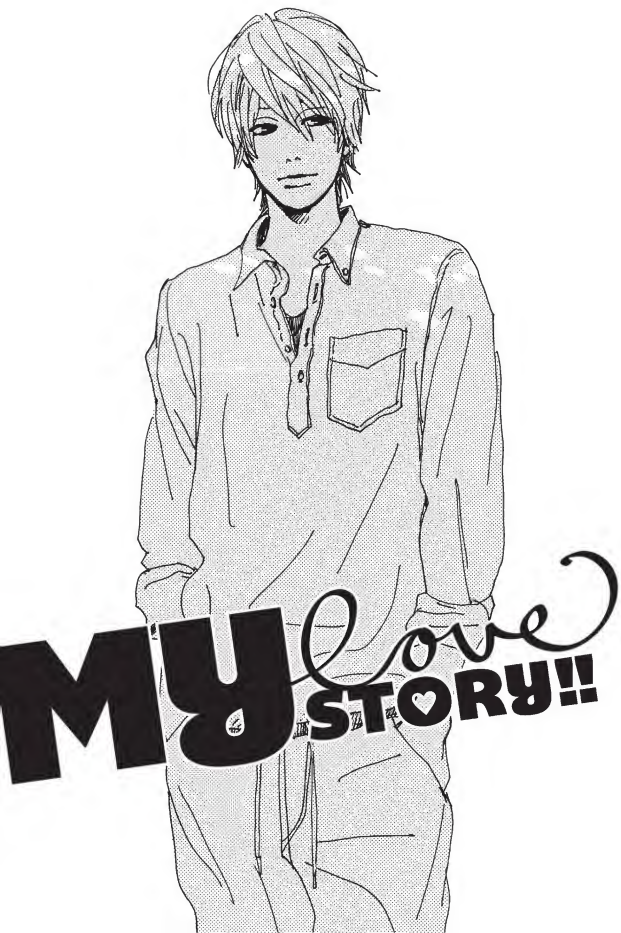
...GOING
TO SPEND
TIME WITH
YAMATO
ON HER
BIRTHDAY
AND BE
HAPPY.



...TO
HAVE A
GREAT
DAY
WITH
HER.



I'M
GOING
TO DO
MY VERY
BEST...



AND...

FLASH

...IT'S
THE DAY
SUNA'S
DAD IS
HAVING
SURGERY.

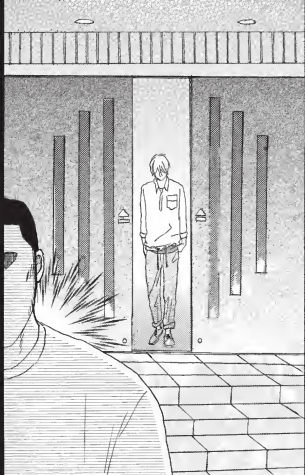
TODAY IS
YAMATO'S
BIRTHDAY.

...GOING
TO SPEND
TIME WITH
YAMATO
ON HER
BIRTHDAY
AND BE
HAPPY.

...TO
HAVE A

I'M
GOING
TO DO
MY VERY
BEST...







STATION



I'LL MAKE
SURE THAT
THE PLANS
YOU CAME
UP WITH
ARE A
SUCCESS!

TAKEO!

TMP

TMP

TMP

TMP

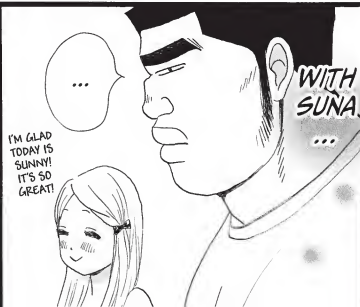
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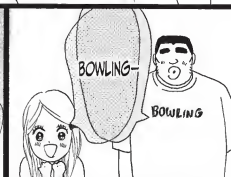
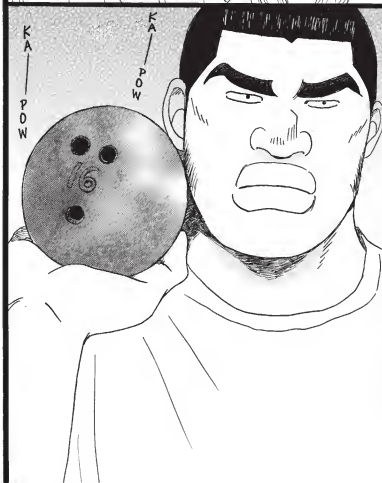
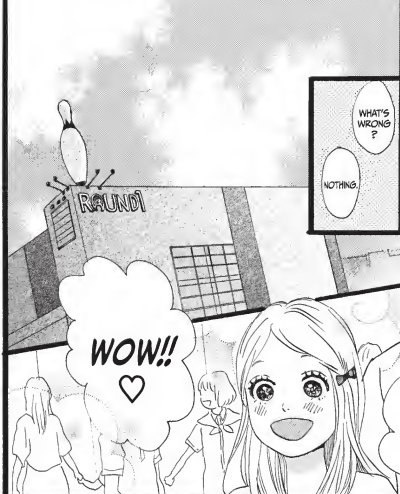
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WERE
YOU
WAITING
LONG?!

SORRY!











I DON'T
MIND IF YOU
LOOK.

AH
HA
HA



OH,
SORRY.

Sorry!!



HM?



OH!

I HAVE A
MESSAGE.



IT'S
FROM
NANAKO.



THIS
PROBABLY
SEEMS
LIKE I'M
BRAGGING.

HEE
HEE...

AH, I
FEEL
KINDA
SHY.



SURE!



CAN WE
TAKE A
PICTURE
OF US?



6/15
To Nanako
Sub

Re: Happy Birthday, Rinko! ☆
Thank you! 🍬🍬
I'm out with Takeo! 🍷
We're bowling! It's really fun! 🎳



SUNA
SAID...

**SHE
SEEMS
LIKE
SHE'S
HAVING
FUN.**

THIS IS
GONNA
BE
TRICKY!

THE REST
OF THE
PINS ARE
IN A
WEIRD
POSITION.

HA
HA
HA!

**YAMATO
IS STILL
SMILING.**



MAYBE I'M
NOT THAT
NICE.

WELL...
I DON'T
KNOW.

HUH?

...YOU'D
BE HAPPY
NO MATTER
WHERE I
TOOK YOU.

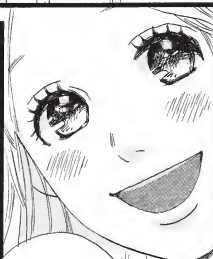


I'M REALLY
HAPPY I GET
TO SPEND MY
BIRTHDAY WITH
YOU!

**ME
TOO.**

YEAH,
ME TOO.

I'M HAVING A
LOT OF FUN
THOUGH!







HE'S SUPER
AWESOME!

SUNA'S
REALLY
SMART,
HUH?

YEAH,
HE IS.

... SINCE
YOU LIKE
MAKING
SWEETS,
YOU
PROBABLY
LIKE
EATING
THEM
TOO.

YEAH,
I DO!

I'M
HAVING FUN
BECAUSE
YAMATO'S
SMILE IS
SPARKLING.

SUNA
SAID...



HA
HA

I'M SO GLAD
YOU DIDN'T HAVE
A GIRLFRIEND,
EVEN THOUGH
YOU'RE SO
COOL!



SUNA...



HMM?



AND HE'S COOL
AND POPULAR.
I WONDER WHY
HE DOESN'T
HAVE A
GIRLFRIEND?

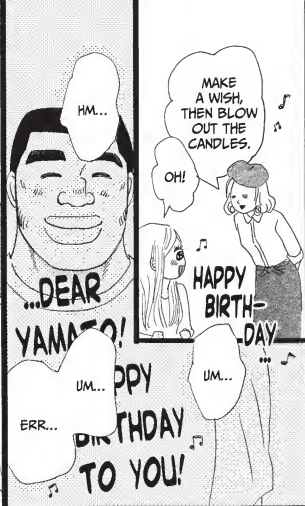
HE SAID
THAT IT
WAS A
PAIN.

GOOD
QUESTION.





I WANT TO BE
WITH TAKEO ON
MY BIRTHDAY
NEXT YEAR AND
THE YEAR AFTER
THAT AND THE
ONE AFTER
THAT!



HM...

MAKE
A WISH,
THEN BLOW
OUT THE
CANDLES.

OH!

...DEAR
YAMATO!

HAPPY
BIRTH-
DAY

UM... PPY

UM...

ERR...

BIRTHDAY
TO YOU!



AWW, HOW
EMBARRASSING!

I
CAN'T
BELIEVE
I DID
THAT!

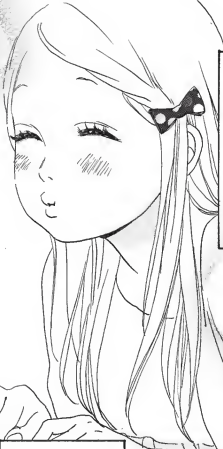
YAMATO...



YOU DON'T
NEED TO
SAY IT OUT
LOUD.

YOU'RE
THE FIRST
CUSTOMER
WHO'S DONE
THAT.

O-
OH!



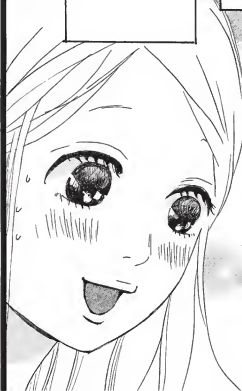
THAT'S
MY
WISH.

FW

...JUST
LIKE YOU
WANTED.

YAMATO
AND I ARE
OUT HERE
HAVING
FUN...

SUNA...



...BE
OKAY
IF WE
HELD
HANDS?



WOULD
IT...

TAKEO...

UM...

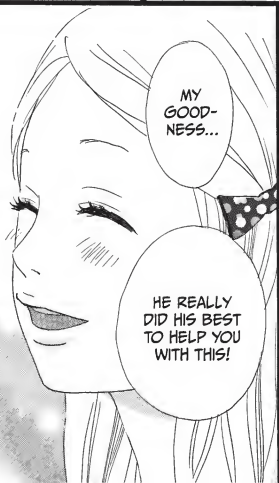
GRAB

SURE!



I
FEEL
NERVOUS
...

HA
HA
HA!



MY
GOOD-
NESS...

HE REALLY
DID HIS BEST
TO HELP YOU
WITH THIS!



DID YOU
TELL THE
WAITERS
IT WAS MY
BIRTHDAY?

SUNAKAWA,
HUH? I'M
REALLY
GRATEFUL
TO HIM.

YEAH. SUNA
TOLD ME TO
DO IT.



SO WHAT'S
HE DOING
TODAY?

BEST
FRIENDS
ARE
GREAT.

FWD...



"WHAT TIME
IS YOUR DAD'S
OPERATION?"

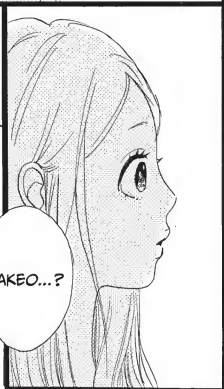
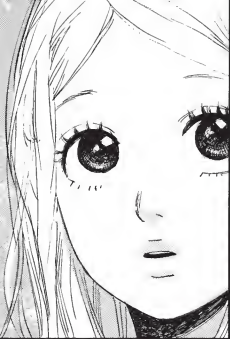
"IT'S AT 2."

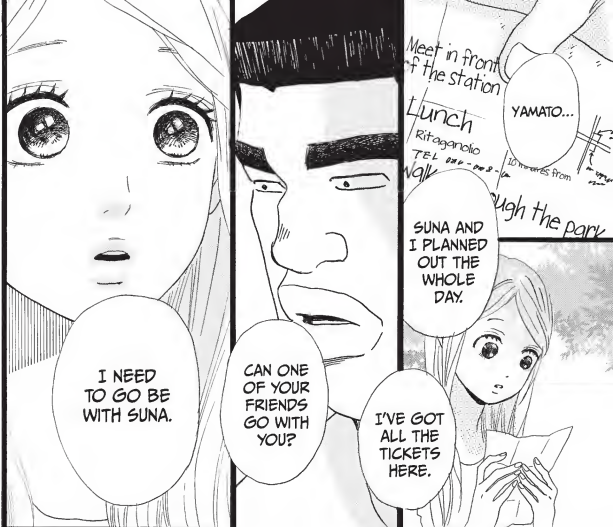
"GOOD
LUCK."



HE'S...

WELL...





I NEED
TO GO BE
WITH SUNA.

CAN ONE
OF YOUR
FRIENDS
GO WITH
YOU?

I'VE GOT
ALL THE
TICKETS
HERE.

SUNA AND
I PLANNED
OUT THE
WHOLE
DAY.

YAMATO...

Meet in front
of the station

Lunch

Ritaganolo

TEL 020-200-1000

Walk

10 minutes from

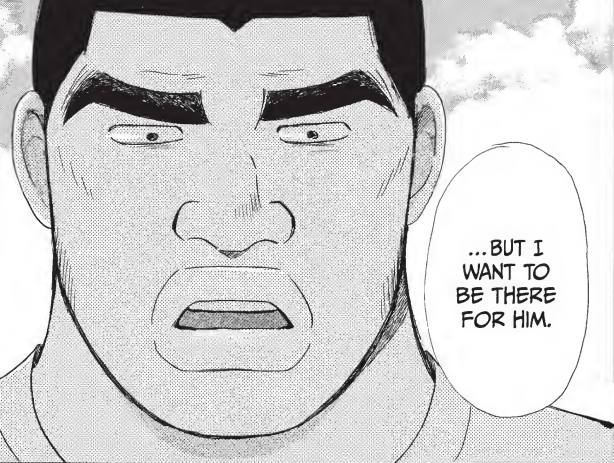
through the park

AT THE
LOCAL
HOSPITAL
AT 2.

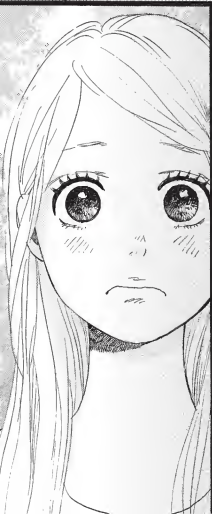
SUNA TOLD
ME NOT TO
GO...

WHAT
...?

HIS DAD'S
HAVING AN
OPERATION
TODAY.



...BUT I
WANT TO
BE THERE
FOR HIM.

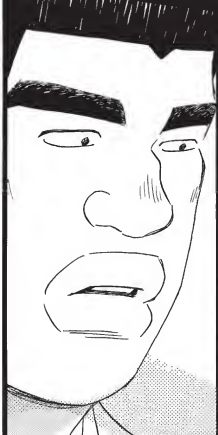


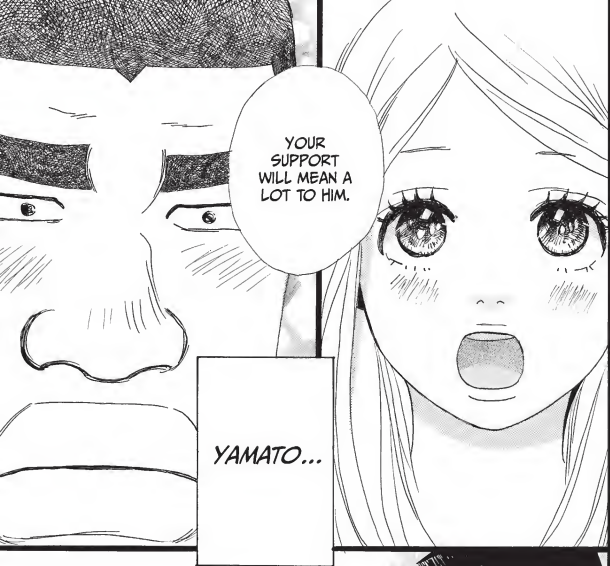
"THAT'S GREAT.
CONGRATS."

SUNA...

I'M
SORRY.

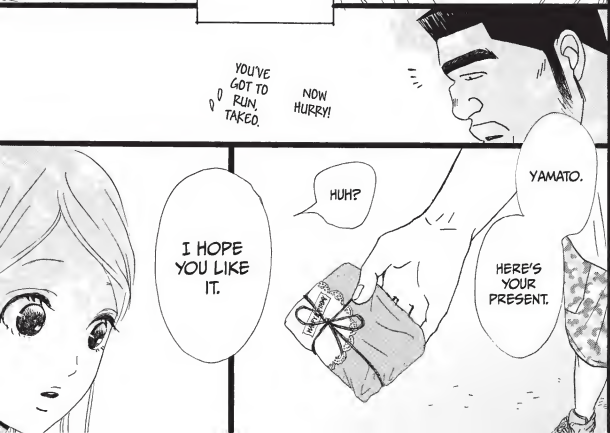


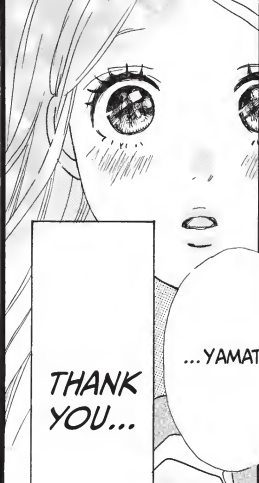




YOU'VE
GOT TO
RUN.
TAKEO.

NOW
HURRY!



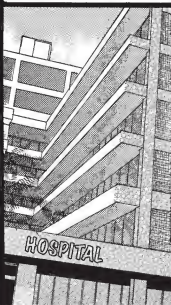


THANK
YOU...

...YAMATO!



THANKS...



...AND
FOR
COMING
INTO MY
LIFE.



...FOR
BEING
BORN...







YOU
WERE SO
EXCITED...

...FOR
YOUR FIRST
GIRLFRIEND'S
BIRTHDAY.

YOU'RE
AN IDIOT.



I DON'T
KNOW...

...WHAT
YOU WANTED
ME TO DO,
SUNA.

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE
THINKING...



WHERE'S
YOUR
UNCLE?

HE
WENT
TO WORK.

I
SEE.

HOW LONG
WILL THE
SURGERY
TAKE?

...NOT
SURE.

...I AM...

BUT...

...AND
I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT'S
RIGHT.

...YOUR
FRIEND.





NOT
ME,
MY
DAD.

YOU
WERE?!

WHAT?!



...WAS
BORN
WITH A
WEAK
HEART.

MY
DAD...

LET
ME SIT
HERE
WITH
YOU.



THAT'S
WHY HE
SPOILS US
SO MUCH.

I'VE
NEVER
EVEN
SEEN
HIM GET
ANGRY.

I SEE.

MY MOM SAID
HE CRIED FOR
JOY WHEN HE
FOUND OUT WE
WERE HEALTHY.

...HE WAS
REALLY
SCARED
WE'D
INHERITED
IT.

SO WHEN
MY SISTER
AND I
WERE
BORN...

OH?

ON MY WAY
HOME FROM
SCHOOL, I
STOPPED BY
THE STORE
TO LOOK AT
CDS...

...MY MOM
AND SISTER
WERE ON
THEIR TRIP.

I WAS
THE ONLY
ONE WITH
DAD.

...AND
WHEN I
GOT HOME,
HE WAS
ON THE
FLOOR.

HE... HE
WAS ALL
ALONE.

IF I'D
GONE HOME
SOONER...

I DON'T
KNOW
HOW LONG
HE'D BEEN
THERE.

IF...

IF I
HADN'T
GONE
OUT...

...THIS WOULD
NEVER HAVE
HAPPENED.

THIS
IS...

...HIS
SECOND
OPERATION.

IT'S NOT
LOOKING
GOOD,
HONESTLY.

WHEN
HE COL-
LAPSED
...



NOBODY
BUT YOU
THINKS THAT.
NOT FOR A
SECOND!



IT'S
MY
FAULT.



I
GUARANTEE
IT.



ONLY
ME,
HUH?



AND IT'S
SURE NOT
WHAT I
THINK!



IT'S NOT
WHAT YOUR
SISTER OR
MOM OR
DAD THINK.

I GUESS
IT WASN'T
THAT...

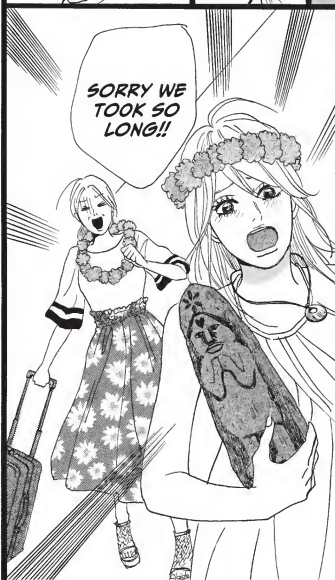
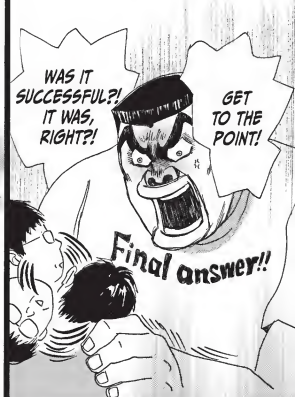


...SUNA
DIDN'T
WANT TO
TELL ME.



HE
COULDN'T
TELL ME.

GRAB

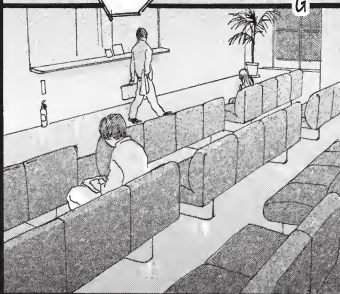




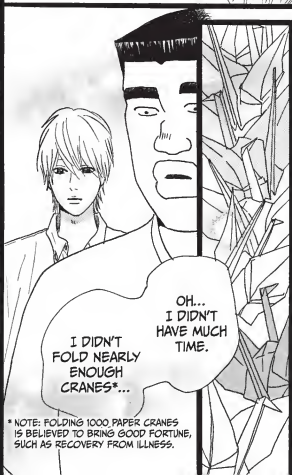


ATTENTION,
VISITORS...

IT'S
ALMOST
7.



YAMATO
?!



I DIDN'T
FOLD NEARLY
ENOUGH
CRANES*...

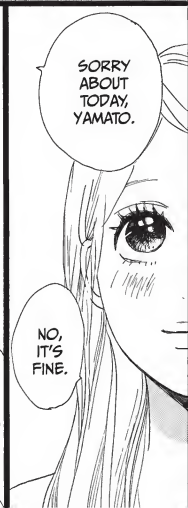
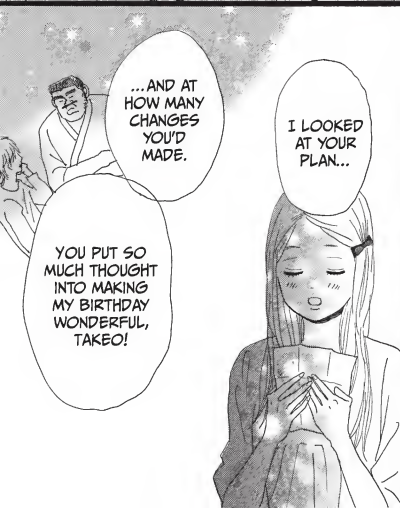
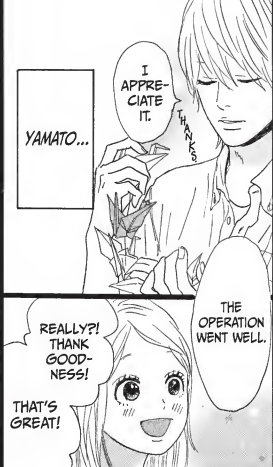
OH...
I DIDN'T
HAVE MUCH
TIME.

* NOTE: FOLDING 1000 PAPER CRANES
IS BELIEVED TO BRING GOOD FORTUNE,
SUCH AS RECOVERY FROM ILLNESS.

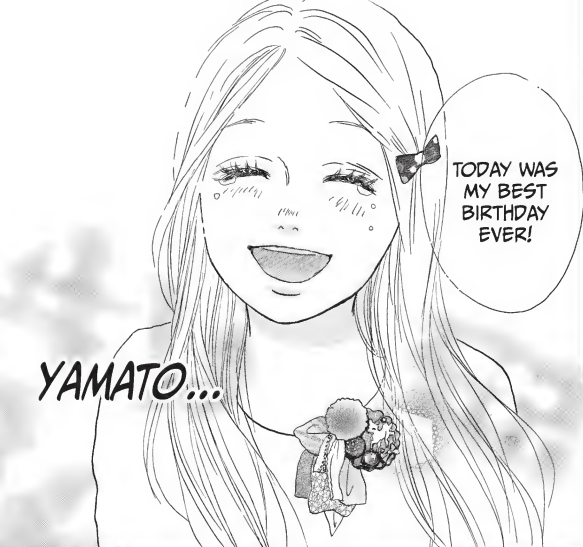


TAKEO...

SUNA-
KAWA
...!



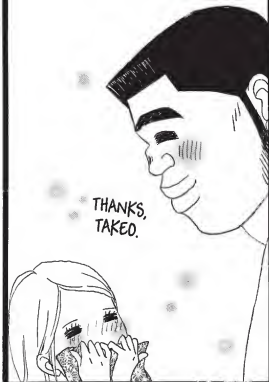




YAMATO...



I
LOVE
YOU.



THANKS,
TAKED.



I CAN'T
BELIEVE
HOW MUCH
I LOVE
YOU!

SH
A



SORRY.
BUT THEY'RE
HAPPY TEARS.
OKAY?



SEEING
YOU GUYS
LIKE THIS
IS NICE.

TURN



NO,
DON'T
DO
THAT.
PLEASE.

I COULD
INTRODUCE
YOU TO
SOMEONE
FROM MY
SCHOOL!

DO YOU WANT
A GIRLFRIEND,
SUNA?!

UM...

ER...

UH...



THAT
MAKES
SENSE!

HE'D
PROBABLY BE
HAPPIEST WITH
SOMEONE
HE'S BEEN
FRIENDS WITH
FOR A LONG
TIME!

AGREED!





...

I THINK
SUNAKAWA
NEEDS A GIRL
JUST LIKE YOU,
TAKEO!

YEAH,
OF COURSE!
A GIRL LIKE
ME, HUH?!

I
CAN'T
EVEN
PICTURE
THAT...

I'LL LOOK
FOR A GIRL
LIKE YOU,
TAKEO.

SUNA'S A
GREAT GUY,
SO I'M SURE
SHE'LL LOVE
HIM!

AND
THEN
WE CAN
DOUBLE
DATE!

OH!
GOOD
IDEA!

EVERY
DAY IS
FILLED
WITH
LOVE...

IT'LL
BE GREAT,
SUNA!!

PLEASE
JUST
STOP...

TO BE CONTINUED...

MY LOVE STORY!!



(Artist)

ARUKO & KAZUNE KAWAHARA



(Author)

MY LOVE STORY!! SPECIAL CHAT ABOUT TAKEO!!

AN INSIGHTFUL INTERVIEW WITH ARUKO SENSEI AND KAWAHARA SENSEI, WHO ARE CAUSING A STIR IN THE WORLD OF SHOJO MANGA! THEY SAT DOWN WITH US TO DISCUSS THE APPEAL OF THE MAIN CHARACTER, TAKEO. THEY ALSO MENTIONED SOME THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN THE STORY! A MUST-READ FOR FANS!



THE SECRET BEHIND THE CREATION OF MY LOVE STORY!! IT ALL STARTED WITH THE IDEA OF "MANLY MEN"!

-My Love Story!! is a shojo series that really stands out. Tell us how you began coming up with the story.

Kawahara Sensei ("K" from here on): Well, I mentioned that I liked Aruko's work, and I was asked whether I'd be interested in collaborating on a story. That's what got things rolling.

Aruko Sensei ("A" from here on): I was thrilled by the offer! I've liked Kawahara's work for a long time.

K: Thank you very much.

-How did you come up with the main character, Takeo?

K: Aruko has a book called *Shudensha*, and in the third story, there's a

masculine girl who can do anything.

I really liked her, so I wanted to create a boy who was similar to her.

A: Is that what happened?!

K: It is! (Laughs) But then I figured everyone would prefer a handsome guy, so when I wrote my first draft, Takeo was very trendy. But somewhere along the way, I realized I wanted him to be oozing with masculinity, and I rewrote his character. And I think Aruko brought that image of him to life.

THE GIRL TAKEO WAS BASED ON?!



Shudensha
by Aruko

*Margaret Comics *Shudensha* (2010):

A collection of short stories sharing the theme of "the last train." The girl who was the inspiration for Takeo is Yuria, the main character of the third story.





BEFORE

TAKEO'S WORLD KEEPS GETTING BIGGER!

-Who designed Takeo's looks?

K: That was Aruko Sensei! I only had a vague idea of what I wanted.

A: I thought it would be amusing to make him like a gorilla and someone who seems older than his actual age. In volume 1, his build is a bit square, but lately he's become rounder.

K: He's getting cuter. *(Laughs)* As I mentioned in the comments for volume 1, Takeo isn't ugly. He just doesn't have the kind of looks that girls go for—but it does make him popular with guys!

A: You really do see him as handsome, don't you?

K: I really do! Japan doesn't have many guys like him.

A: I visualized Takeo as a rather large guy, but when the editor mentioned in the summary of volume 1 that he was roughly 6' 6" tall and 265 lbs., I was shocked. As a result, Takeo is now even bigger than he was in volume 1.



K: I like that he stands out more when he's bigger.

His fashion sense is pretty unique, isn't it?

A: I get the feeling that he wears short sleeves all year round.

K: It seems natural for him to carry around a handkerchief too.

-Which of his scenes is your favorite?

K: I like every panel Takeo's in, but if I had to choose, it'd be the scene where he's running to Yamato. His pose is cool, but his face is even cooler!

A: This is how you run for short distances, and I thought it would be amusing to draw him doing that for a long-distance run. That's a bit off topic, but it really shows how single-minded Takeo is. I enjoyed drawing it.





TAKEO OR SUNAKAWA...

WHICH IS YOUR TYPE?!

-By the way, would you rather go out with Takeo or Sunakawa?

A: Um... That's a tough one! (*Laughs*) Sunakawa, I guess? I don't think I could look after Takeo.

K: Sunakawa is a nice guy, isn't he?

A: He's a nice guy who always points out what Takeo's doing wrong. Which of them do you like, Kawahara-san?

K: Sunakawa can't be bothered with some things (*Laughs*), so I'd prefer Takeo. But the downside to Takeo is that he's so big. I would prefer him to be a bit more compact.

TWO
HANDSOME
GUYS?!



I'M CURIOUS! WHAT KINDS OF

THINGS CAN WE LOOK FORWARD TO?!

-Aruko Sensei, are there any stories that you'd like Kawahara Sensei to write for the series?

A: I want to know if Sunakawa gets a girlfriend or what kind of girl he'll fall in love with!

K: Well, now... I think he'd probably do well with someone like Takeo. But I still haven't decided on anything!

A: Are Takeo and Yamato ever going to kiss? Are they?!

K: Takeo practiced very hard (See volume 1, p. 174), but the right mood never seems to come along. And even if the mood was right, they probably wouldn't notice, and it would pass them by. I can't really imagine them kissing. (*Laughs*)

A: I'm also very curious about what you're going to do when Takeo's mom gives birth!

K: You'd love to draw it all, wouldn't you? I'd like to see how you'd draw that!

-To wrap things up, is there anything you want to say to each other?

K: Thank you very much for always drawing with love! It makes me want to work hard too. I look forward to continuing to work with you!

A: I'm just glad I get to work with such a wonderful story. This really makes me remember how much fun it is to draw manga. And I'm looking forward to working more with you too!



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No problem!
Don't worry!
It'll be all right!
Lately, I've been talking like Takeo. When I feel tired or down, I feel better just thinking about him. I'd be super happy if this manga has touched your heart.

- Aruko

(A)

I'm glad we made it to volume 2! I love how cute Aruko draws Takeo, and I'd be thrilled if you like him too. I also think Sunakawa is really cool, so I hope you do too. Not to mention Yamato, Sunakawa's sister... Takeo's mom... I hope you love all of them!

- Kazune Kawahara

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The image is the cover of a comic book titled "BLACK MANTA EMPIRE". The central figure is Black Manta, depicted in a dynamic, forward-leaning pose. He is wearing his signature black and red suit, which includes a hood with antennae-like protrusions. His eyes are glowing red. The background is a vibrant, abstract composition. A large, concentric red target symbol is prominent in the upper half. Below it, there are swirling patterns of red, orange, and yellow, resembling a stylized sun or a burst of energy. The lower half of the cover features a dark, textured background with various colorful elements, including what appear to be stylized fish or marine life in shades of blue, green, and yellow. The title "BLACK MANTA EMPIRE" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font at the top. In the bottom left corner, there is a small logo that reads "PTMDC-1".

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